



National Conference on Social Security **Program Review and Fair**

Presentation

on

Consolidation of Social Allowance Programs

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Vision & Mission of Ministry of Social Welfare (MoSW)

Vision

Better Life and Caring Society

Mission

Creating a better life by providing social protection, empowerment and social development of the poor, vulnerable group of people and persons with disabilities

Objective(s) and Major Activities

- ❖ To establish the fundamental rights of targeted people of the country.
- ❖ To ensure the social security of poor, helpless, distress, disable, vulnerable and less benefited elderly people due to constitutional obligations.
- ❖ To ensure the socio-economic development of mentioned group along with the other segments of the population.
- ❖ To protect from Social and Economic Vulnerabilities.

Objective(s) and Major Activities

- ❖ To establish Social Justice.
- ❖ To ensure Social equal rights.
- ❖ To ensure Social empowerment;
- ❖ To increase the human dignity in the family and society.
- ❖ To increase the purchasing capacity of targeted group.

Engagement of MoSW to fulfill it's Objectives

Ministry of Social Welfare is the lead ministry in the area of Social Safety net activities of the Government. The Ministry is implementing about 40 safety program. Some of the important programs are mentioned below:

- ❖ Old-Age Allowance Program;
- ❖ Allowances for Widows and Husband Deserted Women;
- ❖ Allowances for the Persons with Disabilities;
- ❖ Stipend Program for the Disabled Students;
- ❖ Distribution of Capitation Grant to Non-Government Orphanages
- ❖ Livelihood Development Programs for Dalit, Harijan and Bede (Gypsy) communities;
- ❖ Livelihood Development Programs for Transgender;

Engagement of MoSW to fulfill it's Objectives (contd.)

- ❖ Financial Assistance Program for Cancer, Kidney, Liver Cirrhosis, Stroke and Heart patients;
- ❖ Cochlear Implant Program;
- ❖ Medical Social Service Program;
- ❖ Livelihood Program for Tea Garden Laborers;
- ❖ Rural Social Service Program;
- ❖ Rural Mother Care Center Program;
- ❖ Disability Identification Program'
- ❖ Rehabilitation Program of Acid burn Victims and PWDs;
- ❖ Microcredit Program for Resident of Ashrayan Abashan program;
- ❖ Honorarium Program for Freedom Fighters;

Engagement of MoSW to fulfill it's Objectives (contd.)

- ❖ Alimony, Education and Training for Orphans of Children's Family;
- ❖ Alimony, and Rehabilitation Program for Babies at Baby Homes;
- ❖ Training and Rehabilitation of Destitute and Orphans Children;
- ❖ Protection Program for Vulnerable Children;
- ❖ Integrated Education Program for Visually Impaired Students;
- ❖ Education Program for Hearing Impaired Students;
- ❖ Education and Rehabilitation Program for Physically Handicapped Persons;

Engagement of MoSW to fulfill it's Objectives (contd.)

- ❖ Sheikh Russel Children Training and Rehabilitation Centre;
- ❖ Training and Rehabilitation Program for Orphans and PWDs;
- ❖ Development Program for Children facing Law Enforcement or in Conflict with Law;
- ❖ Training and Rehabilitation Program for Vagrants;
- ❖ Probation and After-Care Program;
- ❖ Training and Rehabilitation Program for Socially Disadvantaged Girls;
- ❖ Safe Home for Women and Adolescent Girls under Order of Safe Custody;

Engagement of MoSW to fulfill it's objectives (contd.)

- ❖ Distribution of Grants to Organizations Registered under Social Welfare Council;
- ❖ Registration and Control of Voluntary Social Organization;
- ❖ Grant Distribution and Training Program of Bangladesh National Social Welfare Council;
- ❖ Disabled Service and help Centre of National Foundation for Disability;
- ❖ Autism Resource Centre of National Foundation for Disability;
- ❖ Mobile Van Therapy Service of National Foundation for Disability;

Important Social Safety net Programs

Program	Initial Beneficiary	Initial Allocation	Present Beneficiary	Present Allocation
Old-Age Allowance	0.403 Million (1998-99)	490 Million	4.0 Million	24000 Million
Widows and HDW	0.403 Million (1998-99)	40 Million	1.4 Million	8400 Million
Allowance for PWDs	0.104 Million (2005-2006)	250 Million	1 Million	8400 Million
Capitation Grant	0.048 Million (2008-09)	376.04 Million	0.086 Million	1036.8 Million
Stipend for DS	13041 (2008-2009)	60.00 Million	90000	803 Million

Important Social Safety net Programs

Program	Initial Beneficiary	Initial Allocation	Present Beneficiary	Present Allocation
Grant for Patients	2000 (2014-15)	100 million	15000	7500 Million
Livelihood Program for Tea labour	10,000 (2014-15)	49.5 Million	40,000	200 Million
Bede and Underprivileged Community	15000 (2014-15)	92.3 Million	64000	503 Million
Transgender	3000 (2014-15)	45.9 Million	7500	114 Million

Current Success in Social Security

S.	Programme	Progress
1	Old- Age Allowance	Number of beneficiaries and allocation have been increased 10 times and 50 times respectively since inception
2	Allowance for PWDs	Number of beneficiaries and allocation have been increased 10 times and 210 times respectively since inception
3	Widows and HDW	Number of beneficiaries and allocation have been increased about 4 times and 210 times respectively since inception
4	Stipend for PWDs Student	Number of beneficiaries and allocation have been increased about 7 times and 14 times respectively since inception

Current Success in Social Security

S	Program	Progress
5	Cancer & Serious Patients	Number of beneficiaries and allocation have been increased 7.50 times and 7.50 times respectively
6	Financial Support for Tea Labor	Number of beneficiaries and allocation have been increased 20 times and 20 times respectively
7	Hijra Livelihood	Number of beneficiaries and allocation have been increased about 12 times and 16 times respectively since inception
8	Bede and Under privileged	Number of beneficiaries and allocation have been increased about 21 times and 76 times respectively since inception
9	Capitation Grant for Orphanages	Number of beneficiaries and allocation have been increased about 4 times and 10 times respectively since inception

Current Success in Social security

Program	Success
10. Electronic Fund Transfer	Transfer of allowances of beneficiaries under social safety net (G2P) through electronic system has been inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 17 July, 2018 that initially covered 1,28,282 beneficiaries;
11. Livelihood Development Programs for Transgender Bede communities and Tea Garden Laborer	With the slogan of "Leaving no one behind" the Ministry initiated socio-economic development program for Hijra (Transgender), Bede (Gypsy), underprivileged community and tea-garden laborer. Income Generating Training and Allowances were provided to 31,800 Bede (Gypsy), 5,750 Hijra (Transgender) and 30,000 tea-garden labor respectively

Success Stories of the MoSW (contd.)

Program	Success
12. Disable Service and help Centre	Disable Service and help Centre has earned the confidence of the patients. Till September 2018, help centre has provided 4.8 million services to 0.37 million registered patients and distributed 34346 assistive devices.
13. One Stop Mobile Therapy Service	Mobile Therapy Van providing the therapy services at door step of the people. Till September 2018, 0.58 services have been rendered to 0.27 million people.
14. Strong Legal Regime	For the protection of persons with disabilities and vulnerable people MoSW has already been enacted relevant Acts: and Policies
15. Introduction of Social Welfare Award	Sheikh Hasina Mother of Humanity Social Welfare Award has been introduced by the MoSW this Year

Plan and Progress towards achieving
NSSS Action Plan (based on approved
NSSS Action Plan)

Plan and Progress: Social security programmes

S	Plan	Progress
1	Strengthen Old Age Allowance Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Setting age threshold to 60 for male and female proposal is under consideration• Make the programme universal for eligible people will be considered for next budget meeting• With in Existing MIS list of people above 90 already done and providing special benefit for them next budget meeting
2	Scale up disability benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guidelines for disability identification• Income criteria on individual basis is in the implementation manual• Coverage Increased by 21% this fiscal year
3	Strengthen Support for Vulnerable Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coverage Increasing by 10% every year

Plan and Progress: Social security program

S	Plan	Progress
4	Improve orphan's programme	Quality of services increasing Coverage increasing 5 to 10%
5	Improve targeting of beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Improvement of targeting beneficiaries is on going
6	Consolidate Smaller Programmes	Consolidate Smaller Programmes is under process
7	Redress System Grievance	With in MIS and Digital Payemnt System a online base Grievance Redress System has been introduced

S	Plan	Progress
8	Develop Single Registry MIS	MIS System for Old age, Widow and Disables allowances has been done total 52 lac beneficiary already enlisted in this MIS
9	Digitization of cash transfer	1.30 lac beneficiary in getting G2P digital cash transfer from last fiscal year, 16.6 lac will be get digital cash transfer by December 2018, by 2020 all the beneficiary will get cash transfer through digital payment
10	Enhance results based M&E	Within MIS system results based M&E will be introduced

Programme Reforms

- ❖ Comprehensive Pension System for the Elderly (Age 60+) will be introduced soon
- ❖ Monthly rate of allowance would be Tk. 3000 for 90+ yrs
- ❖ Widow allowance, the beneficiaries age of 60+ years shifted to Old Age Allowance.

Institutional Reforms

- MIS Established Under DSS
- G2P Payment Started
- Beneficiary Selection will be done through online application
- GRS Provision Kept in MIS
- Monitoring & Evaluation Will be done through MIS

Lessons Learned

- ❖ We can reach the backward people of society, realize their problems, grief, way of life.
- ❖ How backward people from community attached with main stream of society.
- ❖ How poor people of the society empowered with socially and economically.
- ❖ These programs teaches us to self-assessment.
- ❖ Being a true human being and teaching humanity.
- ❖ What should be done for the helpless people in society, how to behave, how they should behave.

Challenges

- ❖ **Institutional Capacity**
- ❖ Decentralization
- ❖ Lack of Information/no complete Data base about Elderly People
- ❖ Low coverage and low level of funding.
- ❖ Beneficiaries are illiterate and not familiar to modern payment system
- ❖ Increasing migration from rural areas & growing urbanization
- ❖ In beneficiary selection, have to increase poor & vulnerable people & exclude the non-poor
- ❖ No formal Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) system

Key recommendations for Improving Social Security Program based on NSSS Action Plan

- It is needed comprehensive and effective management of social security schemes.
- Form of National Single Registry can be established based on a network of independent but interlinked with scheme-specific MIS including House hold database & NID.
- Scheme-specific MIS that communicate with each other & deliver comprehensive information across government.
- Minimum age of 60 years for getting old age allowance.

Our Commitment

Ministry of Social Welfare is fully committed to establish Bangladesh a Welfare State





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