

Ministry of Women and Children Affairs

INTRODUCTION

Ministry of Women and Children Affairs is mandated to implement various programmes for development of women and children. It works for empowerment of women, gender equality and ending violence against women. The programmes undertaken by the Ministry include capacity building of women, employment, facilitation in labour market participation through small and medium entrepreneurs, etc. Child protection and development is also included in the list of activities. This is one of the most important ministries in implementation of the NSSS. The vision of the Ministry is "a society with gender equality and child protection". In order to achieve the vision, the Ministry has the mission of "establishing the rights of women and children and women empowerment through mainstreaming in development".

OBJECTIVES

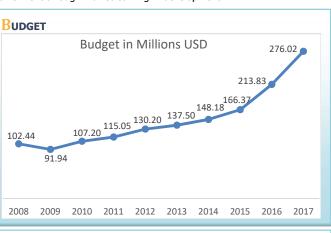
The NSSS strategic objectives of the Ministry are to ensure the rights to social security for women and children and to ensure a level of minimum income for children and vulnerable women.

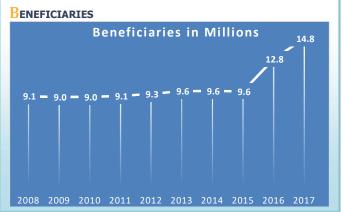
PROJECTS

MoWCA has implemented 19 Social Security Programmes in lifetime. In 2017-18, it has 16 Projects, the programmes are;

- Maternity Allowance Programme for the Poor
 Allowances for the Urban Low-income Lactating
- Mothers 3. Vulnerable Group Development (VGD)
- 4. Micro-Credit for Women Self-employment
- 5. Joyeeta Foundation
- Women's Skill Based Training for Livelihood
- 7. Child Development Center
- 8. Street Children Rehabilitation Programme
- Enabling Environment for Child Right**
- 10. Early Learning for Child Development
- 11. Urban Based Women Development Project
- 12. Establishment of 20 Child Daycare Center Project
- 13. Generation Break Through
- 14. Investment Component for Vulnerable Group Development
- 15. Income Generating Activities for Women at Upazila Level
- 16. Multi-sectoral Programme to Prevent on Violence Against Women (4th Phase)

** In FY 2017-18, no budget allocation







CHALLENGES

The main challenge as set by the NSSS for the Ministry is to introduce a Child Benefit Programme and a Vulnerable Women Benefit programme. The Ministry is also assigned to take measures ensuring workplace child care services and formulating legislation for child maintenance payment.

WEBSITE: <u>http://www.mowca.gov.bd/</u>

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