

# Social Security Reforms in Bangladesh: Strategic Planning

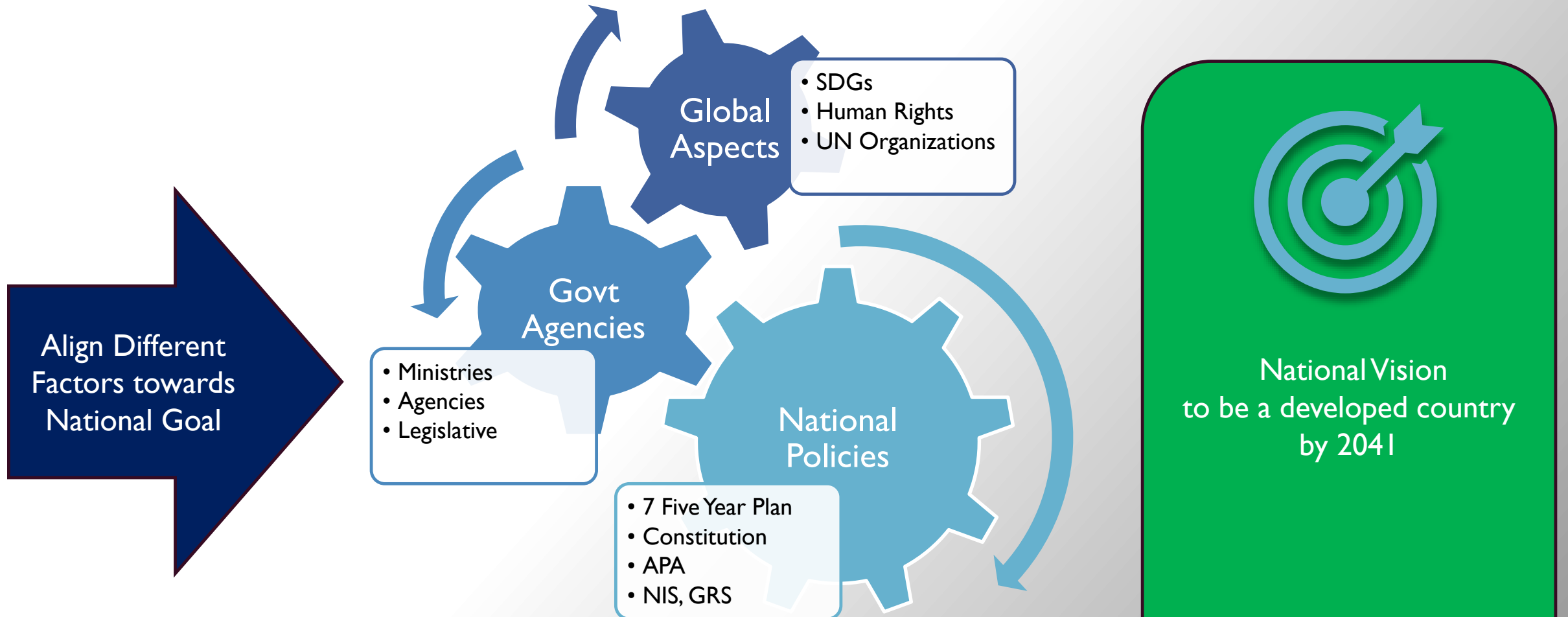
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# Outline of the Presentation

- Strategic importance of social protection
- Role of Cabinet Division in social protection
- Governance of social protection
- NSSS formulation and the Action Plan



# Why Strategic Planning?



# Social Security as a Strategic Component



Has a budget  
of more than  
64 thousand  
Crore Taka



Around 14% of  
the national  
budget



2.58% of the  
GDP



Serves more  
than 5 crore  
people



Develops  
human capital



# Role of Cabinet Division

## Coordination with stakeholders

Central Management Committee (CMC) on Social Protection (35 ministries)  
Coordination with thematic clusters  
Coordination with the field administration

## Formulation and approval of relevant policies

National Social Security Strategy (NSSS)  
NSSS Action Plan  
Gender Policy on social protection etc.

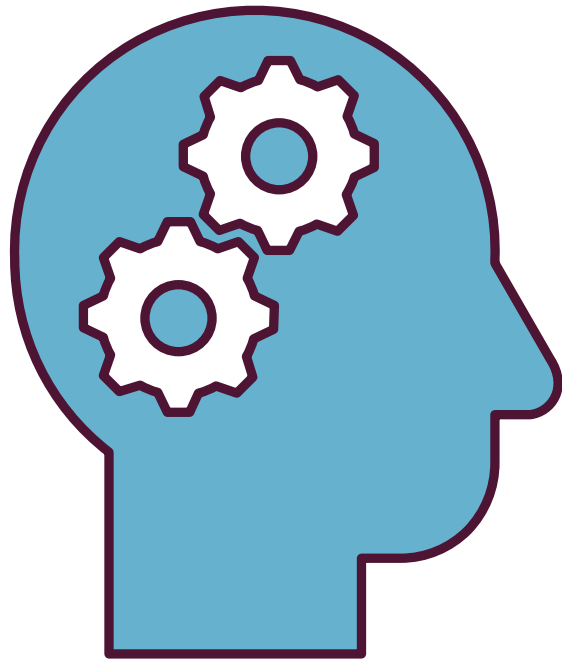
## Administrative reforms and enhancement of good governance

Annual Performance Agreement (APA)  
GRS, NIS, RTI  
e-Governance

## A platform for GO and NGO collaboration

Dialogue with GO and NGOs  
Support NGOs in implementing their social security programmes

# Need for Social Security Reforms



- Socio-economic context is changed along with economic growth and urbanization
- The huge investment in social protection needs more focused management
- Proliferation of programmes managed by too many agencies
- Excessive leakage, duplication and inefficiency
- Not aligned with national goals
- Technological advancement created scopes for reforms

# Formulation of National Social Security Strategy (NSSS)

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Honorable Prime Minister gave directives in 2012 for preparing a comprehensive strategy for social protection reforms

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General Economic Division drafted the strategy under close supervision of the Central Monitoring Committee headed by Cabinet Secretary

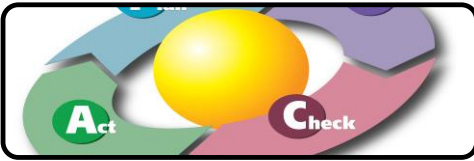
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It was approved in 2015 by the Cabinet

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This is a comprehensive road map for reforming social protection along a lifecycle framework

# NSSS Action Plan



Requirement of Central Management Committee (CMC)



Part of NSSS implementation and progress monitoring



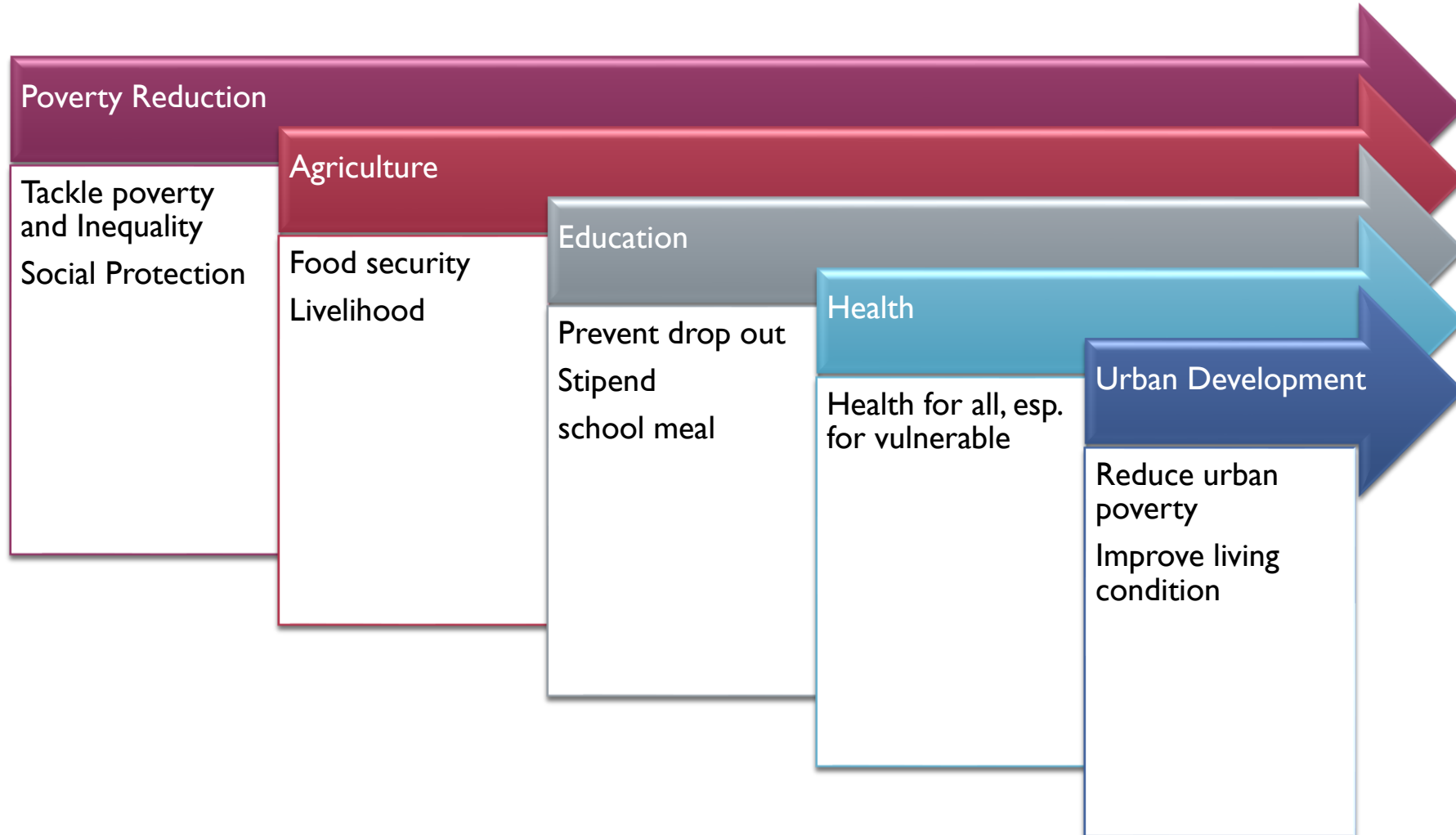
Social Protection is a prioritized agenda of Hon'ble Prime Minister



Align social protection objectives of line ministries with 7th FYP and SDG



# Alignment with 7<sup>th</sup> FYP and SDG



# Content of NSSS Action Plan

Action plan at national level as spelled out in the NSSS

Situation analysis of existing programmes

Identification of gaps and priority challenges

Action Plan of line ministries with timeframe (24)

Action plan of thematic clusters (5)

# Features of Action Plan

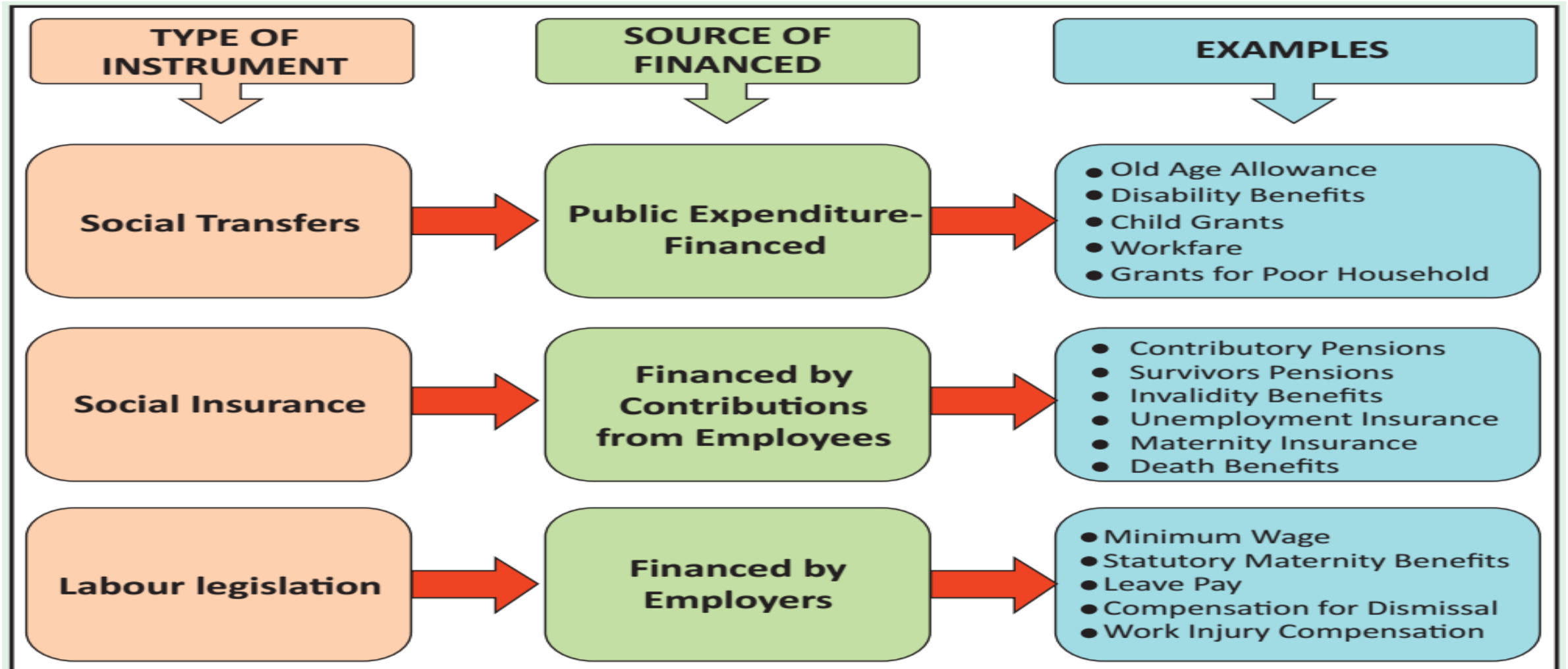
Major programmes are aligned across lifecycle framework as proposed in NSSS

Smaller programmes are proposed to be consolidated – channeled through single umbrella

Both poor (23%) and near poor (48%) have been considered as beneficiaries

Gender focused social protection emphasized

# Financing of SS Programmes



# Implementation Timeline

## Year 2021

- Programmes will be consolidated along a lifecycle framework
- Selection process will be improved based on poverty score cards
- Single registry MIS will be developed with digital payment system

2021

2026

## Year 2026

- Further consolidation of social protection programmes
- Department of Social Service will focal point for programme implementation



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