

## Record Notes

Meeting on the Research Scopes of Social Protection  
Civil Registration and Social Security Branch  
Cabinet Division

Chair : Mr. Md. Kamal Hossain  
Secretary, Coordination & Reforms  
Time and Date : 14 December 2021, 10.30am - 12:00 pm  
Venue : 1005, Conference Room, Cabinet Division

### Participants: Annexure 1

1. The Chief Guest Mr. Kamal Hossain, Secretary (Coordination and Reforms) then briefly discussed on the main objective of workshop and importance of the formulation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) action plan and role of focal point of different ministries in social security programme. He said that under the leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, we are trying to build the Sonar Bangla as envisioned by our father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The government has been trying to develop the rural life through creating opportunities in the villages and decentralization of the development focuses.

2. Mr. Mohammad Khaled Hassan, Joint Secretary, Cabinet Division then briefly presented the background and rationales of formulating the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the National Social Security Action plan in his presentation. He said that the government is working relentlessly to be a developed country by 2041 as envisaged by the Prime Minister which is strongly grounded with social security. Bangladesh has glorious achievements in most of the socio-economic sectors and ahead of most of south Asian countries in social security. The present programmes of social security contributed a lot in poverty reduction. it could have resulted still more benefits if it were more comprehensive and well surrounding every lifecycle of the citizens. Therefore, the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) action plan has been formulated to provide a framework of lifecycle based social security. Now we are approaching to develop NSSS action plan phase 2 will be formulated to accelerate the process of social transformation. He then briefly shared each draft action plan of respective ministries/divisions accordingly.

### Reflections from the participants:

#### Deputy Secretary

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate change

Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate change said that we should address climate change and disaster prevention should be further strengthened as a part of its broader development effort. In this respect, schemes like conditional cash transfers for co-management of natural resources can be considered. We already have some programmes like embankment and reforestation programmes, disaster preparedness etc. In lowering the vulnerability of the population to climate change and natural disasters. In the meantime, the Delta Plan of Action has been approved. The Ministry will follow the Delta Plan for management of climate change and disaster prevention.

## **Key Actions**

1. Strengthen the management of climate change and disaster prevention through
2. Take measures according to the Delta Plan of Action and coordinate with local development projects

## **Additional Secretary**

Technical and Madrasah Education Division

Additional Secretary, Technical and Madrasah Education Division said that the NSSS stated that the secondary education stipend should cover 50 per cent of the secondary school students and the stipend rate will be raised. The coverage of secondary education has been increased recently by the government. The stipend of the Bangladesh Technical Education Board was also inaugurated at the same event. Initially, scholarship stipends were transferred to the bank accounts of 16,570 students of Ebtedayee and JDC 2019 through G2P Payment System. The stipend has been accruing in the respective bank accounts of the scholarship recipients since the 29th June 2020.

## **Key Actions**

1. Expand Secondary Education Stipend Programme including extension of the programme to technical & madrasah students and increase the rate of stipend.
2. Scale up vocational Training Programme for the youth through expanding the scholarship programme to technical students.

## **Deputy Secretary**

Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief

Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief informed that the supply food grain for food-based disaster relief programmes and budget for cash based programme are carried out by the ministry when it is required. Horizontal and vertical expansion of social protection programmes of the ministry depends on crisis or disaster situation like nationwide Covid-19 response or any response programme after cyclone or flood. He added, we need to reduce leakages in social protection at zero level to include more people in social protection coverage and to expand the service to the deserving people. If we can save some money from leakages that is a social protection fund for other group of people in needs.

## **Key Actions**

1. Supply food grain for food-based disaster relief programmes and provide budget for cash-based programmes.
2. Consider horizontal and vertical expansion of existing programmes in the face of disasters.
3. Prepare a disaster map based on hazard and vulnerability.
4. Organize discussion with stakeholders for smooth transition.
5. Gradually change food for work programmes to cash.

Then, the Chair of the workshop responded to the questions and observations of the participants on their respective projects. Afterwards, there being no other issues for discussion, the chair concluded the meeting with thanks to the participants.

## **Decisions:**

1. Ministry/Divisions will send their feedback/comments or opinion to cabinet division if there any correction/changes or additional remarks is needed;
2. Finalized draft Action Plan phase 2 for the National Social Security strategy (NSSS) will be submitted to the 16<sup>th</sup> CMC meeting for approval;
3. After approval Social Security Policy Support (SSPS) Programme will support to print the final Action Plan phase 2.

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