

## 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 : 15 December 2021, 10:30 pm - 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. He also mentioned that the SDG has clear provision of social security specially in Goal 1. Bangladesh has put utmost importance to implementing the SDGs and thereby the social security goals. Therefore, He emphasized on the formulation of 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the NSSS action plan and its importance. He urged all representative to provide highly planned and prospective input so that this action plan can contribute as an instrument for becoming a developed country as envisioned in the NSSS.

2. Then the chair Mr. Md Rahat Anwar, Additional Secretary, Cabinet Division, inaugurated the workshop with a note of heartiest welcome to the participants followed by a brief speech. He briefly explained that we need social security systems are shaped by the need to address the causes of poverty and are designed to address the risks and challenges associated with different stages of the lifecycle. We also need to decide the relative balance between public expenditure-financed and social insurance schemes. Now we are approaching to proper administrative arrangements involving a coordinating agency, strong implementing agencies, professional staff, a sound MIS, a payment system based on financial institutions, a proper M&E and an appeals system to resolve beneficiary grievances are all elements of a sound Social Security delivery system.

3. 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.

### PPT: Annexure 2

**Additional Secretary**  
**Ministry of Women and Children Affairs**

Representative of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs explained that maternity allowance and lactating mother allowance programmes are running for the poor women countrywide. So far, more than one million beneficiaries are covered under this scheme. A diagnostic study was conducted to identify the gaps in current programme for pregnant and lactating mother. Ministry of Children and Woman Affairs along with WFP piloted an improved Management Information System integrated with (G2P) payment system under an improved model of existing two programme in 8 Upazila successfully.

**Key Actions**

1. Consolidate mother and child benefit programme and increase the coverage from 1.2 million to around half of the children aged 0-4 years.
2. Coordinate with Ministry of Social Welfare to strengthen and consolidate vulnerable women benefit (VWB).
3. Workplace Childcare Services, Enactment of daycare Act, Develop rules and operational manual on childcare services, Develop coordination mechanisms and monitoring guidelines.
4. Formulate child maintenance policy for abandoned children, especially of broken families.

**Deputy Secretary**  
**Statistics and Informatics Division**

Deputy Secretary, Statistics and Informatics Division said that for social security programmes, there is no single registry database that can be accessed by all the social security implementing authorities. Such a database is necessary to avoid undue duplication in beneficiary coverage. Further, the shift from current discretionary to a targeted universal approach to avoid leakages and under-coverage envisaged in the NSSS requires a social registry from where eligible beneficiaries can be sourced.

**Key Actions**

1. Create the database with GIS and socio-economic condition of people.
2. Coordinate with GED to conduct a study on ideal framework of single registry MIS.
3. Follow the NHD database for beneficiaries selection and link the MIS with cash disbursement.

**Deputy Secretary**  
**Ministry of Cultural Affairs**

Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Cultural Affairs said that there is no proper documentation or communication methodology in our ministries by how we can be updated from last activities done by the previous officer. So, we should develop a mechanism to transfer knowledge from officer to officer or intermetatarsal agencies. He also requested to provide necessary training to the respective officers on modern MIS and database systems so that they can contribute to develop a centrally

**Key Actions**

1. Increase programmes and activities promoting social empowerment and inclusiveness.

2. Maintain rigorous criteria for eliminating cultural programmes with potential risks of socially excluding any groups, such as tea garden workers, backward people, water gypsies, HIV affected people, street artists, jamdani artists, jatra artists, small groups of inherited craftsmanship and drug addicts, etc.
3. Highlight national glory and achievement in social security, Sensitize the cultural activists for incorporating social security themes in their works.
4. Scale up cash transfer programmes for insolvent cultural personalities.

**Senior Assistant Chief  
General Economics Division (GED)**

Representative of the GED mentioned that the NSSS has assigned the GED for devising a results-based M&E framework for social security programmes, facilitate to establish a single registry MIS, harmonization/consolidation of small schemes, develop a business case of selecting the beneficiaries of social security schemes, and carrying out a review of current socioeconomic policy, strategies and plans and check the consistency with NSSS. This is a great opportunity for us work on social security and GED will comply with action plan accordingly.

**Key Actions**

1. Review the existing M&E System of social security
2. Suggest technical details regarding the modalities of linking the M&E with single registry MIS
3. Review the proposals and make recommendations of consolidation to CMC
4. Prepare a report with recommendation for improving targeting of beneficiaries
5. Monitor the consistency of social security policies with the NSSS
6. Sensitize all ministries to make their major policies coherent with the NSSS with the support of Cabinet Division

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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