NATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY STRATEGY (NSSS)

ACTION PLAN (2021-2026) PHASE II

PROGRESS REPORT 2024

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1. Introduction

This report provides a comprehensive overview of the progress made in implementing the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan-Phase II (2021-2026) in Bangladesh during the year 2024. The NSSS, introduced in 2015, is a cornerstone of Bangladesh's commitment to social development and poverty reduction. It aims to create a robust and inclusive social security system that protects vulnerable populations, including the elderly, persons with disabilities, women and children, and low-income households, while fostering equitable growth and contributing to the nation's sustainable development goals.

The NSSS Action Plan-Phase II, spanning from 2021 to 2026, translates the NSSS vision into concrete actions. It outlines 688 specific objectives and targets across 39 ministries and government agencies, reflecting a whole-of-government approach to social security reform. This comprehensive approach recognizes the interconnectedness of social protection with various sectors, including health, education, labor, and rural development, ensuring a multi-sectoral approach to addressing poverty and vulnerability.

As of 2024, significant strides have been made in implementing these action items. A majority are actively underway and progressing towards completion within the defined timeframe. This report offers a detailed account of this progress, outlining key successes, identifying challenges encountered, and highlighting areas that require intensified focus to ensure the successful fulfillment of the NSSS objectives.

This assessment is built upon a robust and collaborative methodology, incorporating data and insights from diverse sources. Consultations with relevant ministries and agencies, combined with rigorous analysis by the Cabinet Division and review by the Action Plan Sub-Committee, ensure the accuracy and comprehensiveness of the findings presented. Technical assistance from the Social Security Policy Support (SSPS) Programme has further strengthened the analytical rigor of this report.

By providing a transparent and evidence-based evaluation of the NSSS Action Plan-Phase II implementation, this report serves as an invaluable tool for policymakers, stakeholders, and development partners. It enables effective monitoring of progress, facilitates informed decision-making, and promotes accountability in the pursuit of a more just and inclusive society in Bangladesh.

Beyond simply tracking progress, this report aims to foster a deeper understanding of the factors influencing implementation. It delves into the specific achievements of different ministries, showcasing successful initiatives like the expansion of the social safety net program, which now reaches over 5 million households, and the introduction of the social health protection program. It also highlights areas where challenges persist, such as improving targeting accuracy and inter-

agency coordination. By analyzing both successes and shortcomings, this report seeks to identify best practices, draw lessons learned, and inform strategies for enhancing implementation effectiveness.

Ultimately, this evaluation contributes to the ongoing efforts to strengthen Bangladesh's social protection system and ensure that the NSSS effectively serves its purpose of reducing poverty, promoting social justice, and driving sustainable development. It provides a critical assessment of the current state of implementation, offering valuable insights to guide future actions and ensure the NSSS continues to make progress towards its ambitious goals.

1.1. NSSS Action Plan

The National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) of Bangladesh provides a long-term roadmap for social protection reforms, aiming to effectively address the interconnected challenges of poverty, vulnerability, and marginalization. To translate this vision into action, the NSSS is implemented through a phased action plan. The first phase, spanning 2016 to 2021, laid the groundwork for programmatic reforms. Building on this foundation, the current phase (2021-2026) focuses on consolidating existing programs and modernizing the social security delivery system.

This Action Plan, Phase-2, was developed under the guidance of the NSSS Action Plan Sub-Committee and finalized by the Ministry with the endorsement of the Hon'ble Prime Minister. It is structured around three key components:

National Plan: This section outlines the overarching framework for social security reform, drawing directly from the NSSS and setting national priorities.

Ministry Action Plans: Each of the 39 participating ministries/divisions has formulated detailed action plans, ensuring a coordinated and comprehensive approach to implementation. These plans were developed through collaborative workshops involving focal points and relevant officials from each ministry.

Thematic Cluster Action Plans: This section provides a deeper dive into specific thematic areas, offering a comprehensive analysis of the current situation, justification for program classifications, and targeted action plans to address key challenges within each thematic cluster.

The Action Plan, Phase-2 emphasizes a lifecycle approach to social security, ensuring that programs are tailored to the specific needs of individuals at different stages of life. It also prioritizes modernization of the delivery system through initiatives such as a Single Registry Management Information System (MIS), Government-to-Person (G2P) payments, Grievance Redress System (GRS), and a robust results-based Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) framework. These efforts aim to enhance efficiency, transparency, and accountability in the delivery of social protection programs, ultimately contributing to a more effective and equitable social security system in Bangladesh.

1.2. Social Protection Budgets of Ministries

This section presents the ministry-wise budget allocation for social protection in Bangladesh, revealing a strategic distribution of resources across various government bodies. The Finance Division commands the largest share of the budget, receiving 32.40 crore taka, highlighting its pivotal role in managing major social security schemes and overseeing large-scale programs with significant financial implications. Following closely is the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief with an allocation of 313.07 crore taka, underscoring the country's vulnerability to natural disasters and the critical need for timely and effective relief efforts.

Education emerges as another priority area, with the Secondary and Higher Education Division receiving a substantial 278.15 crore taka, emphasizing the government's focus on human capital development and investing in the future workforce. The Ministry of Agriculture also receives a significant allocation of 285.06 crore taka, reflecting the importance of agricultural development and food security in the country's social protection strategy.

Interestingly, while the Ministry of Social Welfare operates the largest number of programs (27 in total), its budget allocation of 144.12 crore taka is comparatively lower than other ministries. This suggests a strategic approach focused on implementing a wide range of programs with potentially smaller individual budgets, catering to diverse needs within the population.

This data underscores the government's multifaceted approach to social protection, balancing large-scale initiatives with targeted interventions to address a wide array of vulnerabilities and promote social well-being. The allocation of resources across different ministries reflects a commitment to both immediate needs, such as disaster relief, and long-term goals, such as human capital development and agricultural advancement.

MINISTRY	NO. OF PROGRAMMES	BUDGET (CRORE TAKA)	BENEFICIARY (LAKH)
Ministry of Social Welfare	27	11,354.90	144.12
Ministry of Women and Children Affairs	9	4,254.60	57.60
Finance Division	11	54,092.77	32.40
Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief	12	8,909.64	313.07
Ministry of Primary and Mass Education	5	7,331.98	152.00
Secondary and Higher Education Division	5	4,412.19	278.15
Technical and Madrasha Education Division	3	1,493.69	12.00
Ministry of Food	3	8,155.45	159.48

MINISTRY	NO. OF PROGRAMMES	BUDGET (CRORE TAKA)	BENEFICIARY (LAKH)
Ministry of Agriculture	5	18,418.57	285.06
Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock	6	1,474.20	6.00
Ministry of Liberation War Affairs	8	6,887.36	7.40
Financial Institutions Division	1	64.00	0.00
Economic Relations Division	0	0.00	0.00
Ministry of Labour and Employment	1	30.34	0.20
Medical Education and Family Welfare Division	0	0.00	0.00
Health Services Division	1	612.88	0.00
Prime Minister`s Office (PMO)	3	1,204.15	0.84
Cabinet Division	0	0.00	0.00
Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment	1	40.00	0.00
Local Government Division	19	3,898.22	0.05
Ministry of Chattogram Hill Tracts Affairs	1	428.37	5.82
Rural Development & Cooperatives Division	3	349.55	3.44
Ministry of Youth and Sports	5	857.79	0.00
Ministry of Housing and Public Works	0	0.00	0.00
Ministry of Land	0	0.00	0.00
General Economics Division	0	0.00	0.00
Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED)	0	0.00	0.00
Statistics and Informatics Division	0	0.00	0.00
Planning Division	0	0.00	0.00
Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Division	2	92.50	0.17
Posts and Telecommunications Division	0	0.00	0.00
Ministry of Water Resources	1	33.01	5.14
Ministry of Cultural Affairs	1	42.01	0.03
Ministry of Industries	0	0.00	0.00
Ministry of Commerce	0	0.00	0.00
Ministry of Religious Affairs	0	0.00	0.00
Ministry of Public Administration	2	542.20	1.30
Ministry of Textiles and Jute	1	26.00	0.12
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change	3	989.06	9.00
Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs	1	30.21	2.00

1.3. Number of Programs

NO. OF PROGRAMMES

Ministry	
Ministry of Youth and Sports	
Ministry of Agriculture	
Secondary and Higher Education Division	
Ministry of Primary and Mass Education	
Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock	
Ministry of Liberation War Affairs	
Ministry of Women and Children Affairs	
Finance Division	
Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief	
Local Government Division	
Ministry of Social Welfare	

This chart illustrates the number of social protection programs managed by various ministries in Bangladesh, specifically those with 5 or more programs. The Ministry of Social Welfare leads with the highest number of programs at 27, followed by the Local Government Division with 19. The Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief oversees 12 programs, while the Finance Division and Ministry of Women and Children Affairs each manage 11 and 9 programs respectively. Ministries such as Youth and Sports, Agriculture, Secondary and Higher Education, Primary and Mass Education, Fisheries and Livestock, and Liberation War Affairs all have between 5 and 8 programs each. This data highlights the varying levels of involvement across different ministries in addressing social protection needs within Bangladesh.

1.4. Budget Ratio of Ministries

The following chart presents a clear picture of budget allocation for social protection programs in Bangladesh, specifically highlighting ministries receiving over 8,000 crore taka. The Finance Division dominates with the largest allocation, exceeding 50,000 crore taka, reflecting its central role in managing major social security schemes. Following closely is the Ministry of Agriculture with over 20,000 crore taka, emphasizing the importance of agricultural development and food security in the nation's social protection strategy. Interestingly, the Ministry of Social Welfare, despite managing the highest number of programs, secures the third position with an allocation exceeding 10,000 crore taka. This suggests a focus on implementing a diverse range of programs with potentially smaller individual budgets. The chart further illustrates the budget allocations for

other key ministries, including Disaster Management and Relief, Food, Primary and Mass Education, Liberation War Affairs, Secondary and Higher Education, and others, each exceeding 8,000 crore taka. This data underscores the government's commitment to addressing a wide array of social needs and vulnerabilities through substantial financial investment across various sectors.

Budget (Crore Taka)
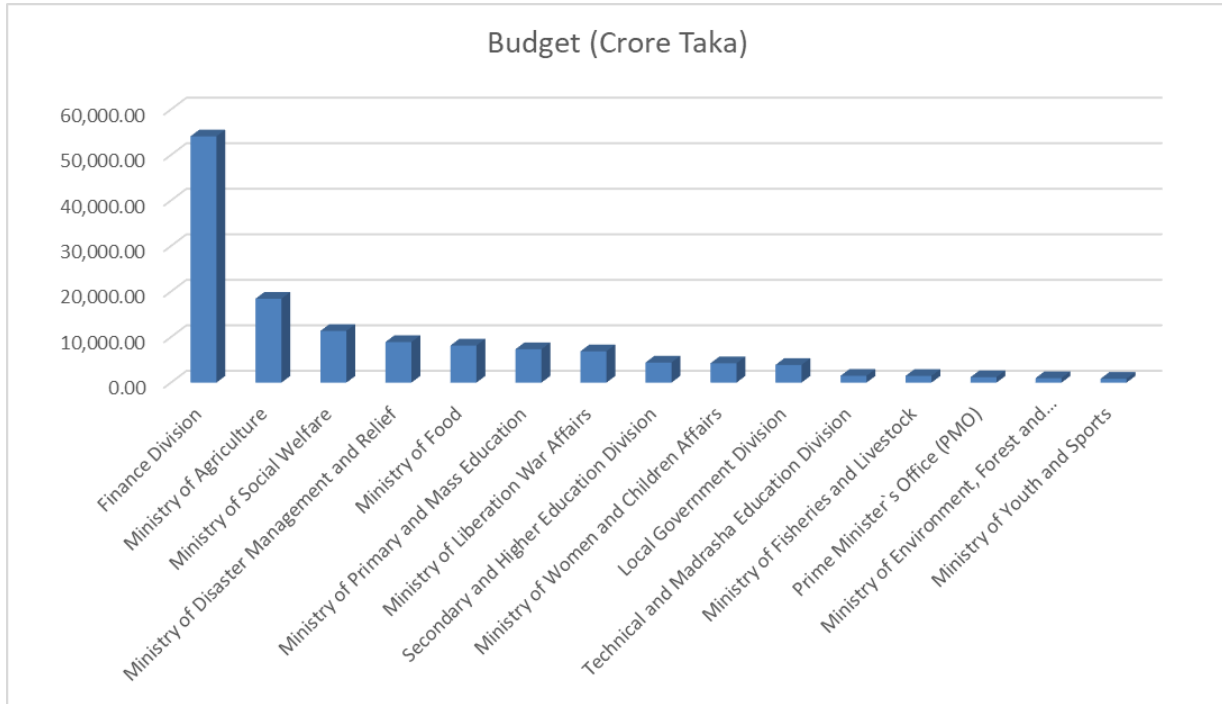
1.5. Ministry Wise Beneficiaries
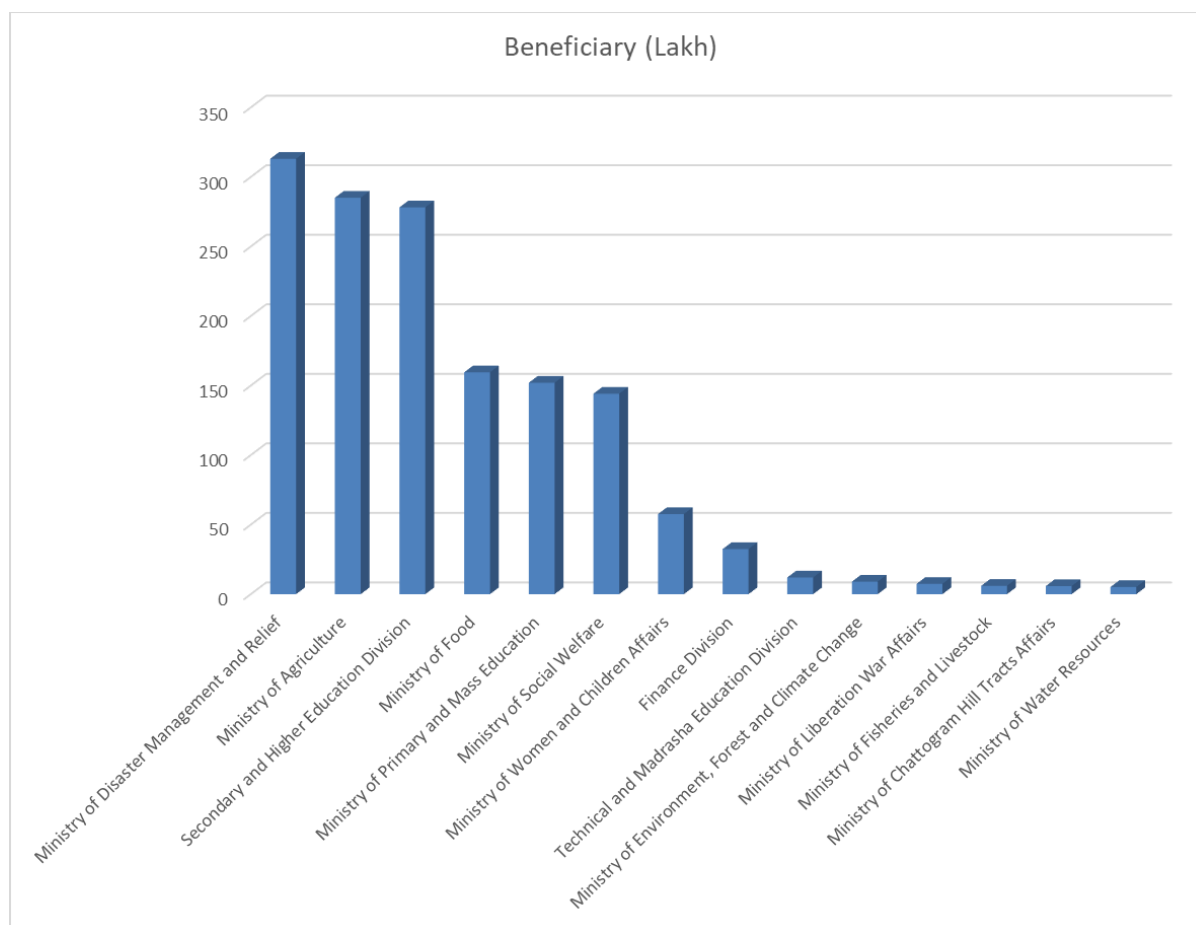
This table provides a snapshot of the beneficiary reach of various ministries in Bangladesh engaged in social protection programs, specifically those impacting over 5 lakh beneficiaries. The Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief takes the lead, reaching the highest number of beneficiaries at 313.07 lakh, highlighting its critical role in responding to natural calamities and providing relief to affected populations. The Ministry of Agriculture follows closely behind with 285.06 lakh beneficiaries, underscoring the importance of agricultural initiatives in supporting livelihoods and food security.

Interestingly, despite having the highest number of programs and the third-highest budget allocation, the Ministry of Social Welfare reaches 144.12 lakh beneficiaries, placing it sixth in this ranking. This suggests that its programs may be more targeted towards specific vulnerable groups or focused on interventions with a smaller individual reach. The table further illustrates the beneficiary reach of other key ministries, including Secondary and Higher Education, Food,

Primary and Mass Education, Women and Children Affairs, Finance Division, and Technical and Madrasah Education. This data collectively demonstrates the breadth and depth of social protection efforts in Bangladesh, with various ministries playing crucial roles in reaching and supporting diverse segments of the population.

1.6. List of Programs

The table presents a list of social protection programs implemented by the Government of Bangladesh, outlining key details such as the program name, responsible ministry, number of beneficiaries, and allocated budget. The data reveals that the government operates a diverse range of programs covering a broad spectrum of needs. These include social safety nets like Old Age Allowance and Allowances for Physically Challenged Persons, aimed at providing financial support to vulnerable groups. Education support is another key area, with initiatives like Stipend for Primary School Students and Free Textbook Distribution focusing on improving access to and retention in education. Disaster relief programs such as Relief Operation - General and Food For Work assist communities affected by natural disasters, while food security programs like Food Subsidy and Open Market Sales ensure access to affordable food.

The number of beneficiaries varies significantly across programs. Agricultural Subsidy stands out with the highest number, indicating its widespread reach and importance in supporting the agricultural sector. Other programs with a large beneficiary base include Stipend for Primary School Students, Open Market Sales (OMS), and Vulnerable Group Feeding (VGF). In terms of budget allocation, Pension Management receives the highest, reflecting the significant financial commitment to providing pensions. Agricultural Subsidy follows closely, underscoring the government's priority in supporting agricultural development. Other programs with substantial budgets include Interest on National Savings Schemes, Fund for Mitigating Impacts of Economic and Natural Disaster, and Honorarium for Heroic Freedom Fighters.

Several key trends emerge from the data. There is a clear focus on vulnerable groups, with significant resources dedicated to social safety nets for the elderly, widows, physically challenged individuals, and children. Investment in education is also a priority, with substantial allocations to programs aimed at human capital development. Disaster preparedness and response are addressed through a significant portion of the budget dedicated to mitigating the impacts of natural disasters. Overall, the table provides a valuable overview of the government's social protection programs, highlighting their diversity, reach, and budgetary priorities. This information can be crucial for policymakers in evaluating program effectiveness, identifying areas for improvement, and ensuring that social protection initiatives effectively address the needs of the most vulnerable members of society.

Programme Name	Ministry Name	Beneficiary (in lakh)	Budget (in CR TK)
Old Age Allowance	Ministry of Social Welfare	60.01	4,350.97
Allowances for the Widow and Destitute Women	Ministry of Social Welfare	27.75	1,844.32
Allowances for physically challenged persons	Ministry of Social Welfare	32.34	3,321.77
Livelihood development program for hijra community (Split)	Ministry of Social Welfare	0.13	12.31
Livelihood development program for bede community (split)	Ministry of Social Welfare	0.11	9.52
Livelihood development program for disadvantaged community (split)	Ministry of Social Welfare	0.91	68.39
Educational stipend program for the disabled students	Ministry of Social Welfare	1.00	113.71
Financial support for cancer, kidney and liver cirrhosis, paralyzed by stroke, Born Heart Patients patients and Thalassemia	Ministry of Social Welfare	0.60	300.00
Livelihood development program for the tea labors	Ministry of Social Welfare	0.60	36.26
Rural Social Service (RSS) Program: Revolving Small Loan (split)	Ministry of Social Welfare	0.09	30.00
Urban Community Development (UCD) Program: Revolving Small Loan (split)	Ministry of Social Welfare	0.09	15.00
Rural Mother Centre (RMC) Program: Revolving Small Loan (split)	Ministry of Social Welfare	0.09	25.00
Trust for the protection of the persons with Neuro-Developmental Disabilities	Ministry of Social Welfare	3.15	39.60
Physical disabled welfare trust	Ministry of Social Welfare	0.09	22.00
Sheikh Russell Child Training and Rehabilitation Center for Children	Ministry of Social Welfare	0.03	30.20
Service and Support Center for Persons with Disability	Ministry of Social Welfare	12.00	80.32
Rehabilitation and Alternative Livelihood Program for the persons engaged in begging	Ministry of Social Welfare	0.40	12.00
National Foundation for the development of Persons with Disabilities	Ministry of Social Welfare	0.12	44.73
Foods support to residents in government orphanages and other institutions	Ministry of Social Welfare	0.18	102.40
Grants for non-government orphanages	Ministry of Social Welfare	1.11	280.00

Programme Name	Ministry Name	Beneficiary (in lakh)	Budget (in CR TK)
Cochlear Implant Activity	Ministry of Social Welfare	0.01	40.00
Bangladesh National Social Welfare Council	Ministry of Social Welfare	1.30	90.58
Establishment of Sarkari Shishu Paribar and Baby Home	Ministry of Social Welfare	0.01	177.99
Cash Transfer Modernization (CTM)	Ministry of Social Welfare	0.00	165.54
Child-Sensitive Social Protection in Bangladesh (CSPB)	Ministry of Social Welfare	2.00	92.26
Safe Motherhood through Livelihood Improvement Facility (SAFE LIFE) (new)	Ministry of Social Welfare	0.00	20.00
Development of the living standard of the marginalized professions of Bangladesh	Ministry of Social Welfare	0.00	30.03
Mother and Child Benefit Program (MBCP)	Ministry of Women and Children Affairs	16.55	1,622.75
Vulnerable Women Benefit (VWB) Program	Ministry of Women and Children Affairs	10.40	2,195.46
Joyeeta Foundation	Ministry of Women and Children Affairs	0.02	11.95
Tottho Apa: Empowering women through ICT towards digital Bangladesh project	Ministry of Women and Children Affairs	30.00	89.50
Capacity Building of Joyeeta Foundation	Ministry of Women and Children Affairs	0.00	89.07
Promotion of women entrepreneurs for economic empowerment in grassroots level	Ministry of Women and Children Affairs	0.00	96.00
Investment Component for Vulnerable Group Development Program (ICVGD)	Ministry of Women and Children Affairs	0.00	50.49
Enhancing adaptive capacities of coastal communities, especially women, to cope with climate change induced salinity	Ministry of Women and Children Affairs	0.00	61.20
Accelerating Protection for Children (APC)	Ministry of Women and Children Affairs	0.63	38.18
Honorarium for Heroic Freedom Fighter	Ministry of Liberation War Affairs	1.97	4,728.00
Honorarium for injured and other Heroic Freedom Fighters	Ministry of Liberation War Affairs	0.12	480.00
Honorarium for heroic freedom fighter with gallantry awards (New)	Ministry of Liberation War Affairs	0.01	16.71
Bangla new year allowance for heroic freedom fighters (Split)	Ministry of Liberation War Affairs	2.00	42.53

Programme Name	Ministry Name	Beneficiary (in lakh)	Budget (in CR TK)
Victory day allowance for heroic freedom fighters (Split)	Ministry of Liberation War Affairs	1.03	70.00
Festival allowance for heroic freedom fighters (Split)	Ministry of Liberation War Affairs	2.00	456.00
Food stuff at concessional rate for privileged heroic freedom fighters	Ministry of Liberation War Affairs	0.10	90.00
Housing construction project for the insolvent heroic freedom fighters	Ministry of Liberation War Affairs	0.17	1,004.12
Stipend for primary school students	Ministry of Primary and Mass Education	116.00	1,785.00
School Feeding Programs in poverty stricken areas	Ministry of Primary and Mass Education	36.00	45.11
Need based Infrastructure Development of Government Primary School Project (new)	Ministry of Primary and Mass Education	0.00	1,250.00
Printing and distribution of free textbooks (new)	Ministry of Primary and Mass Education	0.00	447.10
Fourth primary education development program (Stipend Part) (new)	Ministry of Primary and Mass Education	0.00	3,804.77
Improving access and retention through harmonized stipend program	Secondary and Higher Education Division	67.72	2,617.24
Performance based grants for secondary institutions	Secondary and Higher Education Division	1.00	440.00
Special grants to students, teachers and educational institutions	Secondary and Higher Education Division	0.09	10.00
National Academy for autism and neuro development disabilities	Secondary and Higher Education Division	0.34	150.00
Free textbook distribution among students (SHED)	Secondary and Higher Education Division	209.00	1,194.95
Stipend under Technical and Madrasha Education Division	Technical and Madrasha Education Division	12.00	488.69
Promoting gender responsive enterprise development and TVET systems (new)	Technical and Madrasha Education Division	0.00	55.00
Accelerating and Strengthening Skills for Economic Transformation (ASSET) Project (new)	Technical and Madrasha Education Division	0.00	950.00
Vulnerable Group Feeding (VGF)	Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief	180.00	1,184.02
Relief Operation - General	Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief	20.00	2,390.62
Food For Work (FFW)	Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief	9.80	1,024.01

Programme Name	Ministry Name	Beneficiary (in lakh)	Budget (in CR TK)
Development of Rural Infrastructure (Earth Work)	Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief	18.20	1,510.00
Employment Generation Programme for the Poor (EGPP)	Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief	5.18	1,504.50
Employment Generation Programme for the Poor (EGPP) (EGPP+)	Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief	3.89	264.47
Relief Activities	Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief	5.00	80.12
Relief Operation - Rehabiliation	Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief	1.00	70.10
Relief Operation - Rehabilitation (House grant)	Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief	70.00	28.00
Construction of Flood Shelter in the Flood Affected and River Erosion Prone Area	Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief	0.00	400.00
The Disaster Risk Management Enhancement Project	Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief	0.00	111.53
Procurement of Equipment for Search, Rescue Operation and Emergency Communication for Earthquake and Other Disaster	Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief	0.00	342.27
Open Market Sales (OMS)	Ministry of Food	109.48	2,004.22
Food Friendly Program (FFP)	Ministry of Food	50.00	3,257.98
Food Subsidy	Ministry of Food	0.00	2,893.25
Pension Management	Finance Division	8.00	36,580.00
Fund for Rehabilitation of People Affected by River Erosion	Finance Division	0.00	100.00
Interest on National Savings Schemes	Finance Division	23.50	8,828.32
Special Grant for the Development of Char, Haor and Backward Areas	Finance Division	0.40	50.00
Special Assistance Fund for Women Development	Finance Division	0.25	25.00
Assistance for Women Entrepreneur Fund	Finance Division	0.25	100.00
Fund for Disaster Affected Marginal Farmer and Poultry Farm Owner	Finance Division	0.00	50.00
Earthquake Risk Management Fund	Finance Division	0.00	100.00
Fund for Mitigating Impacts of Economic and Natural Disaster	Finance Division	0.00	8,000.00
National Pension Authority (Shamata Part)	Finance Division	0.00	150.00
Enhancing Institutional Capacity for Skills Monitoring and Management	Finance Division	0.00	109.45
Agricultural Subsidy Management	Ministry of Agriculture	213.06	17,000.00
Agricultural Rehabilitation Assistance	Ministry of Agriculture	72.00	613.85

Programme Name	Ministry Name	Beneficiary (in lakh)	Budget (in CR TK)
Expansion of Irrigation in Greater Rangpur District	Ministry of Agriculture	0.00	60.51
Year-Round food Production for Nutrition Improvement Project	Ministry of Agriculture	0.00	115.02
Program on Agricultural and Rural Transformation for Nutrition Entrepreneurship and Resilience in Bangladesh (PARTNER)	Ministry of Agriculture	0.00	629.19
Maternal Neonatal Child Health (MNCH) and Health System Improvement Project	Health Services Division	0.00	612.88
Livelihood Improvement of Urban Poor Communities Project	Local Government Division	0.00	71.96
Construction of Multi-storied Residential Building Project for Cleaners (DNCC)	Local Government Division	0.05	59.90
Construction of Residential Work under the Chittagong City Corporation	Local Government Division	0.00	50.00
Development of Important Rural Infrastructure Project (Social Security Project)	Local Government Division	0.00	33.43
Establishment of the Multipurpose Disaster Shelter Center	Local Government Division	0.00	475.15
Emergency Assistance Project for Water Supply and Sanitation at Ukhia and Teknaf Upazila in Cox's Bazaar District	Local Government Division	0.00	168.41
Water Supply Project in Coastal Area through Rain Water Harvesting System	Local Government Division	0.00	216.53
Climate Resilient Sustainable Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Project in Bangladesh	Local Government Division	0.00	38.33
Chattogram Hill Tracts Inclusive and Resilient Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Project	Local Government Division	0.00	47.24
Flood Reconstruction Emergency Assistance Project for Water Supply and Sanitation	Local Government Division	0.00	70.91
Promoting Resilience of Vulnerable through Access of Infrastructure, Improved Skills and Information	Local Government Division	0.00	98.33
Program for Supporting Rural Bridges (Social Security Part)	Local Government Division	0.00	799.42
Rural Connectivity Improvement Project (Social Security Part)	Local Government Division	0.00	613.30
Disaster Risk Management Enhancement Project (Social Security Part)	Local Government Division	0.00	46.26
Resilient Infrastructure for Adaptation and Vulnerability Reduction Project (RIVER)	Local Government Division	0.00	393.78

Programme Name	Ministry Name	Beneficiary (in lakh)	Budget (in CR TK)
Coastal Towns Climate Resilience Project	Local Government Division	0.00	450.00
Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project (LGD)	Local Government Division	0.00	180.13
Strengthening Women's Ability for Productive New Opportunities (SWAPNO)	Local Government Division	0.00	59.14
Installation of Water Source/Tube Well in the Homes for Landless/Homeless on the Occasion of Mujib Borsho	Local Government Division	0.00	26.00
Social Development Foundation (SDF) (Social Security Part)	Financial Institutions Division	0.00	64.00
Grants for Research and Innovation Activity (Merit Scholarship)	Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Division	0.00	14.50
Her Power Project: Empowerment of Women through ICT Frontier Initiative	Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Division	0.17	78.00
Grants for Cultural Activities	Ministry of Cultural Affairs	0.03	42.01
Rehabilitation Program for Chattogram Hill Tracts Districts (Social Security Part)	Ministry of Chattogram Hill Tracts Affairs	5.82	428.37
Risk Management Fund on Climate Change	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change	0.00	100.00
Sustainable Forest and Livelihood (SUFAL) Project	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change	4.00	95.95
Bangladesh Environmental Sustainability and Transformation (BEST) Project	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change	5.00	793.11
To Provide Driving Training for Employment at Home and Abroad	Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment	0.00	40.00
Improvement of Socio-Economic and Livelihood Development of Tribal/Minor Races People Through Integrated Livestock Project	Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock	0.00	89.00
Hilsa Development and Management Project	Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock	0.00	70.00

Programme Name	Ministry Name	Beneficiary (in lakh)	Budget (in CR TK)
Conservation and Development of Indigenous Fish Species and Snail Project	Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock	0.00	39.31
Pilot Project of Tuna and Similar Pelagic Fishing in Deep Sea	Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock	0.00	13.25
Sustainable Coastal and Marine Fisheries Project	Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock	0.00	698.82
VGF Program for Fishermen	Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock	6.00	563.82
Safety Net Program for Export Oriented Industry's Distressed Workers	Ministry of Labour and Employment	0.20	30.34
National Legal Aid Services Organization	Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs	2.00	30.21
Ministry of Public Administration (Welfare Grants)	Ministry of Public Administration	0.10	349.30
Bangladesh Employees Welfare Board	Ministry of Public Administration	1.20	192.90
Modernization of Handlooms and Provide Working Capital of the Handloom Weavers with a View to Promote the Socio-Economic Condition of Weavers	Ministry of Textiles and Jute	0.12	26.00
Char Development and Settlement Project (Social Security Part)	Ministry of Water Resources	5.14	33.01
Integrated Management of Resources for Poverty Alleviation through Comprehensive Technology	Ministry of Youth and Sports	0.00	54.40
Employment Creation through Freelancing Training for Educated Job Seekers	Ministry of Youth and Sports	0.00	17.32
Training in Automobile Driving	Ministry of Youth and Sports	0.00	17.39
Economic Acceleration and Resilience for NEET (EARN)	Ministry of Youth and Sports	0.00	722.81
Leaving No One Behind: Improving Skills and Economic Opportunities for the Women & Youth in Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh	Ministry of Youth and Sports	0.00	45.87
Ashroyan-2 Project	Prime Minister`s Office (PMO)	0.15	884.15
Development Assistance for Special Areas (Except Hill Tracts)	Prime Minister`s Office (PMO)	0.58	100.00
Khurushkul Special Ashrayan Project	Prime Minister`s Office (PMO)	0.11	220.00

Programme Name	Ministry Name	Beneficiary (in lakh)	Budget (in CR TK)
Rural Livelihood Project	Rural Development & Cooperatives Division	2.25	195.00
Integrated Rural Employment Support Project for the Poor Women (IRESPPW) - RDCD	Rural Development & Cooperatives Division	1.15	100.00
Micro Savings Mobilization for Poverty Alleviation under Vision 2041	Rural Development & Cooperatives Division	0.04	54.55

2. Implementation Progress of NSSS Action Plan of Ministries/Divisions

2.1. Ministry of Social Welfare

The Ministry of Social Welfare in Bangladesh plays a crucial role in implementing social security programs. It is known for its significant impact, serving a large number of beneficiaries and receiving substantial budget allocations. The ministry manages programs such as Old Age Allowances, Widow Allowances, and support for Persons with Disabilities, among others. It also has a comprehensive program to aid marginalized and disadvantaged groups, including the unemployed, landless, orphans, and individuals with various challenges. The ministry's initiatives align with the National Social Security Strategy, Sustainable Development Goals, and national development plans, focusing on a development-oriented approach rather than charity. The vision of the ministry is to create a "better life and caring society," in line with NSSS's goal of inclusive social security for all. Its mission revolves around providing social security, empowerment, and development for vulnerable groups and persons with disabilities. The ministry's key objective is to enhance the efficiency and inclusivity of lifecycle programs. However, it faces challenges in transitioning the social security system, with the need to meet unaccomplished targets from the previous term of the Action Plan.

The ministry's social protection budgets, including overall allocations and allocations within lifecycle and thematic clusters, are outlined below:

FISCAL YEAR	BENEFICIARY (LAKH)	BUDGET (CRORE TAKA)
2008-09	33.00	1,076.98
2009-10	35.00	1,434.91
2010-11	36.00	1,501.41

FISCAL YEAR	BENEFICIARY (LAKH)	BUDGET (CRORE TAKA)
2011-12	39.00	1,624.31
2012-13	36.00	1,515.96
2013-14	41.00	1,706.07
2014-15	42.00	2,411.59
2015-16	48.00	2,768.44
2016-17	52.00	3,580.22
2017-18	58.00	4,075.49
2018-19	67.00	4,768.69
2019-20	81.00	6,081.60
2020-21	93.00	6,951.84
2021-22	223.00	8,173.77
2022-23	234.00	8,847.44
2023-24	132.00	10,349.97
2024-25	139.00	11,354.90

Budget (Crore Taka) — **Implementing Ministry: Ministry of Social Welfare**
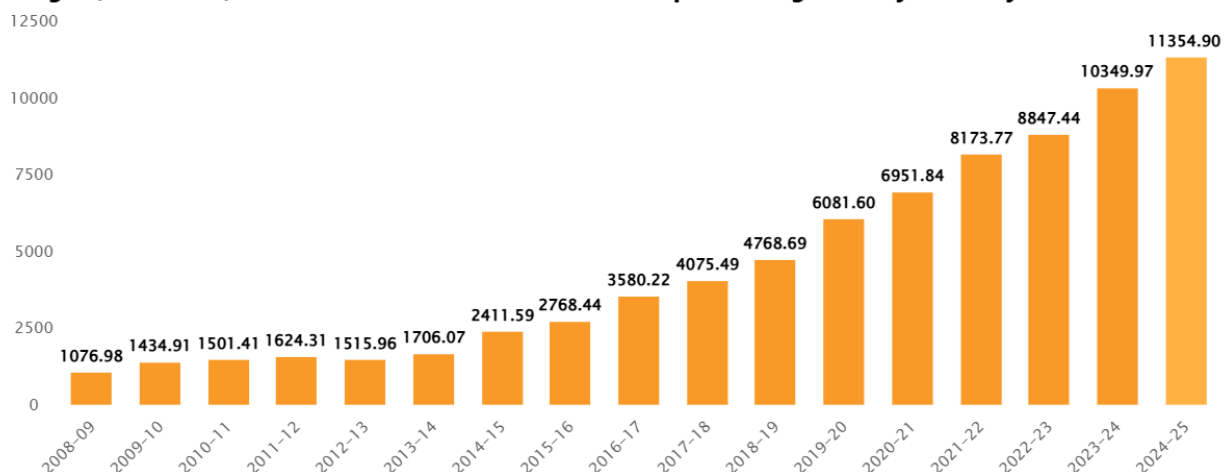
The graph illustrates a significant upward trend in the ministry's social protection budget over time. A remarkable tenfold increase is evident, with the budget surging from 1076.98 crore taka in 2009 to 11354.90 crore taka in 2024. This substantial budgetary growth signifies a heightened commitment to social welfare programs within the ministry.

Implementation Progress of Action Plan:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan

is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Strengthen Old Age Allowance Programme	Examine and review the age threshold.	Consultations held and decisions taken.	June, 2022	Completed
			Update manual (if change in age threshold recommended).	December, 2022	
		Make the programme universal for eligible people.	At least 250 Upazilas.	July, 2022	In-progress
			All Upazilas.	July, 2024	
		Review benefit value in course of changing circumstances like inflation, etc.	Allowance increased periodically.	Each Year	Continuous
		Introduce a special old-age allowance for people above the age of 90.	List of people age 90+ prepared.	June, 2022	Stopped
			Programme for people age 90+ designed.	June, 2024	
			Scaled up nationwide	June, 2025	
2	Scale-up disability benefit for children and working-age (PwDs)	Prepare guidelines for disability identification.	Circular issued.	July, 2022	Completed
		Set income criteria on an individual basis.	Circular issued.	December, 2022	Completed
		Increase coverage by actual identification.	All identified PwDs are covered.	Continuous	Continuous
		Strengthen monitoring of schemes for disabled people.	Monitoring framework developed.	Continuous	Continuous
3	Strengthen Support to Vulnerable Women	Make the programme universal for eligible women.	At least 250 Upazilas.	July, 2022	In-progress
			All Upazilas	July, 2024	
4	Improve programmes for orphans	Maintain quality of services.	Programme continued.	Every year	Continuous
		Increase coverage.	The number of children served increased.	Annually	Continuous
5	Programmes for marginalized people	Increase coverage and per person benefit.	The number of beneficiaries and benefits increased.	Continuous	Continuous
6	Improve programmes for children in conflict with law & contact with law	1. Update manual for effective operation. 2. Maintain quality of services. 3. Increase coverage.	1. Manual prepared. 2. Programme continued. 3. Coverage increased.	Every year	Continuous

7	Improve programmes for adolescent girls & women in contact with the law (victim)	1. Update manual for effective operation. 2. Maintain quality of services. 3. Increase coverage.	1. Manual prepared. 2. Programme continued. 3. Coverage increased annually.	Every year	Continuous
8	Improve programmes for abandoned children	1. Update manual for effective operation. 2. Maintain quality of services. 3. Increase coverage.	1. Manual prepared. 2. Programme continued. 3. Coverage increased annually.	Every year	Continuous
9	Improve programmes for disabled children & people	1. Update manual for effective operation. 2. Maintain quality of services. 3. Increase coverage.	1. Manual prepared. 2. Programme continued. 3. Coverage ncreased annually.	Every year	Continuous
10	Improve programmes for vagrant homeless people	1. Update manual for effective operation. 2. Maintain quality of services. 3. Increase coverage.	1. Manual prepared. 2. Programme continued. 3. Coverage increased annually.	Every year	Continuous
11	Improve programme for Socially Disabled Women	1. Update manual for effective operation. 2. Maintain quality of services. 3. Increase coverage.	1. Manual prepared. 2. Programme continued. 3. Coverage increased annually.	Every year Annually	Continuous
12	Improve Training & Rehabilitation programme for Children, Women & Disabled Persons	1. Update Training Course Module for effective operation. 2. Maintain quality of services. 3. Increase coverage.	1. Training Course Module prepared, 2. Programme continued. 3. Coverage increased annually.	Every year Annually	Continuous
13	Improve Education programmes for Disabled Children	1. Update manual for effective operation. 2. Maintain quality of services. 3. Increase coverage.	1. Manual prepared. 2. Programme continued. 3. Coverage increased annually.	Every year Annually	Continuous
14	Consolidate Smaller Programmes	Prepare a list of programmes to be continued.	List to be sent to CD.	July, 2022	Stopped
		Make a list of programmes to be scaled up.	List to be sent to CD.	July, 2022	Completed
		Make a list of programmes to be phased out.	List to be sent to CD.	July, 2023	In-progress

		Review the consolidation of proposals	Review prepared.	December, 2023	In-progress
15	Improve targeting of beneficiaries	Update manual for selection procedures and disseminate it to people.	Circular issued.	December, 2022	Completed
		Publish a list of beneficiaries online to make it transparent.	Instructions given to field offices.	Continuous	Continuous
		Follow the BBS database when prepared.	Instruction given.	January, 2023	Stopped
16	Grievance Redress System	Arrange for recording complaints at the field level.	Instruction issued.	Continuous	Continuous
		Create public awareness about the facility of central GRS of the Cabinet Division.	Public meetings held in all Upazilas.	July, 2023	In-progress
17	Develop Single Registry MIS	Create online-based MIS for major programmes.	MIS digitized for major programmes.	July, 2023	In-progress
		Make the MIS accessible to relevant departments.	Inter-departmental arrangement established.	July, 2023	In-progress
		Link MIS with cash disbursement.	MIS linked with financial management database of the Finance Division (SPBMU MIS).	July, 2023	In-progress
18	Digitization of cash transfer	Roll out an appropriate format of G2P	G2P rolled out for major programmes.	July, 2023	Completed
19	Enhance results-based M&E	Digitize monitoring of programmes.	Review dashboard regularly.	Continuous	In-progress
		Conduct mid-term and end-term evaluations of the programme.	The programme evaluated regularly.	Continuous	In-progress

2.2. Ministry of Women and Children Affairs

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the government of Bangladesh has undertaken significant initiatives aimed at the welfare and development of women and children, recognizing their pivotal role in the nation's progress. Emphasizing the importance of gender equality and child protection, the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs (MoWCA) has aligned its efforts with the government's goals, focusing on poverty reduction, gender equality, and the prevention of violence against women and child rights protection. Through various programs and legal frameworks, MoWCA has empowered women, reduced violence and trafficking, promoted early childhood care, and expanded women's participation in socio-economic activities. The ministry also operates training institutes, offers employment opportunities, and supports small and medium entrepreneurs to enhance women's economic empowerment. While committed to advancing social protection programs for women and children, MoWCA recognizes the need for increased investment in human, technical, and financial resources to achieve these objectives, as outlined in the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS).

The ministry's social protection budgets, including overall allocations and allocations within lifecycle and thematic clusters, are outlined below for the past years:

FISCAL YEAR	BENEFICIARY (LAKH)	BUDGET (CRORE TAKA)
2008-09	89.00	872.51
2009-10	89.00	994.09
2010-11	89.00	949.64
2011-12	90.00	1,032.36
2012-13	93.00	1,186.66
2013-14	93.00	1,127.77
2014-15	112.00	1,311.03
2015-16	94.00	1,405.33
2016-17	126.00	1,748.22
2017-18	158.00	2,319.41
2018-19	168.00	3,235.73
2019-20	152.00	3,241.66
2020-21	20.00	3,318.07
2021-22	32.00	3,331.35
2022-23	56.00	3,645.48
2023-24	55.00	3,903.05
2024-25	56.00	4,254.60

Budget (Crore Taka)   **Implementing Ministry: Ministry of Women and Children Affairs**

Year	Budget (Crore Taka)
2008-09	872.51
2009-10	994.09
2010-11	949.64
2011-12	1032.36
2012-13	1186.66
2013-14	1127.77
2014-15	1311.03
2015-16	1405.33
2016-17	1748.22
2017-18	2319.41
2018-19	3235.73
2019-20	3241.66
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2022-23	3645.48
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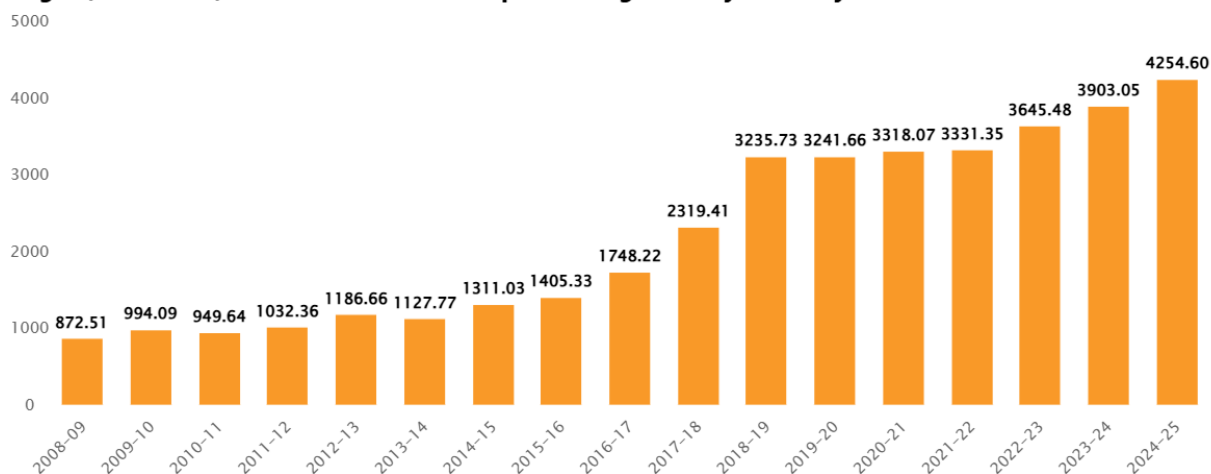
The graph demonstrates a significant increase in the ministry's social protection budget over time. A notable five-fold growth is evident, with the budget rising from 872 crore taka in 2009 to 4254 crore taka in 2024. This substantial budgetary expansion signifies a heightened commitment to social welfare programs within the ministry.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan of this ministry is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Introduce and scale up the Mother and Child Benefit Programme (MCBP) for children of 0-4 years.	Prepare, consult, and submit detailed implementation plan of Mother and Child Benefit Programme to the Cabinet Division. Existing MA and Lactating Mother Allowance (LMA) programme renamed as Mother and Child Benefit Programme	Detailed implementation plan prepared and submitted. Mother and Child Benefit Programme applicable for the whole country	December, 2021	In-progress
		Review both the benefits and age of eligibility from pregnancy period to 4th birthday of a child as per NSSS direction. Gradual scale-up of Mother and Child Benefit Programme in	The evidence available on benefits packages and age of eligibility. The number of beneficiaries raised to 1.6 million covering poverty	December 2022 June 2022	In-progress

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		poverty-stricken and nutrition deficient Upazilas.	and nutrition deficient Upazilas.		
		Establish efficient and effective convergence and coordination between relevant line ministries and departments at central as well as field Levels – MoWCA, MoHFW, MoLG, A2i, etc. to ensure integrated health, nutrition and other services are available at the field level. Agespecific learning on nutrition, stimulation, early childhood care, and cognitive development rolled out. Introduce and operationalize telehealth and nutrition counselling services for pregnant and lactating mothers. Design and test climate and shock responsive elements into the programme.	MCBP programme MIS Interoperable with health, family welfare and birth registration data. The number of beneficiaries raised to 2.6 million covering poverty and nutrition deficient Upazilas Relevant training modules are available	June, 2023	
			The number of beneficiaries raised to 4 million covering poverty and nutrition deficient Upazilas.	June, 2024	
			The number of beneficiaries raised to 6 million (50% of children from 0 to 4 years) covering poverty and undernutrition Upazilas. A telehealth and nutrition counselling platform established and operationalized Climate and shock responsive elements tested and operationalized.	July, 2026	In-progress
2	Design and implement Vulnerable Women's Benefit (VWB) programme in rural and urban areas	Develop a detailed implementation plan, in consultation with MoSW, for VWB along with budgetary requirements and submitted to the Cabinet Division.	Detailed implementation plan prepared and submitted	December, 2021	Completed
		Design and roll out VWB for poor women of urban areas with provision for monthly cash support, development of marketable skills for better employability, and support towards financial inclusion.	Allocation of required resources for piloting in budget	2021-2022	
			Review and analyze existing programmes and processes to design the VWB programme for the urban context.	December, 2021	
			A cash transfer-based improved model of the VGD programme, branded as VWB, rolled out in urban areas.	January, 2022	
			Linkage established with G2P system for online cash transfer.	June, 2023	In-progress

		Proper implementation of the ICVGD project.	Empirical evidence from the ICVGD Initiatives was documented.	June, 2023	In-progress
		Expansion of fortified rice distribution in all Upazilas by either direct distribution or engagement of private companies.	All VWB beneficiaries of 330 Upazilas receive fortified rice.	December, 2024	
			100 per cent of VWB beneficiaries of rural areas receive fortified rice.	June, 2026	In-progress
		Consolidate all programmes (VGD, ICVGD, and urban VWB) and rebrand as VWB programme with suitable components (i.e., investment grant, food/cash transfer, skill development, financial inclusion etc.) to facilitate economic and social empowerment of women and increase their contribution to national development.	VWB programme rolled out in areas with 6000 beneficiaries (in 1 city corporation and 1 municipality)	January, 2022	In-progress
		VWB programme rolled out in urban areas.		July, 2023	In-progress
		Scale up the VWB programme in rural and urban areas.	The number of beneficiaries increased to 1.25 million covering both rural and urban areas.	2023-2024 cycle	In-progress
		Scale up the VWB programme in rural and urban areas.	The number of beneficiaries increased to 1.5 million covering both rural and urban areas	2025-2026 cycle	In-progress
		Review the beneficiary selection process, criteria, benefits package and other elements of the programme for necessary revision.	Programme design revised as per requirement.	December, 2024	In-progress
		Eligible VWB beneficiaries of poverty prone rural and urban areas (identified by Poverty Map-2016/ NHD/ HIES) receive investment grants.	Beneficiaries of the most poverty prone Upazilas receive a one-time investment grant of Tk 15,000 or more (inflation-adjusted).	December, 2026	In-progress
3	Workplace Childcare Services	Enactment of daycare Act.	Daycare Act approved.	December, 2022	In-progress
		Develop rules and operational manual on childcare services.	Rules and manual available.	June, 2023	In-progress
		Develop coordination mechanisms and monitoring guidelines.	Monitoring guidelines available.	January, 2024	In-progress
4	Child Maintenance Payments	A study was conducted on the pattern of parental support for abandoned children.	Study report submitted to the Cabinet Division.	June, 2023	In-progress

		Formulate a policy on child maintenance payments.	The policy is approved by the Cabinet.	July, 2023	In-progress
		Coordinate and Implement the Policy.	Policy implemented.	June, 2025	In-progress
5	Strengthen Training programme	Develop and implement SBCC strategy and ECD component and related training module in MCBP. Develop and approve rest of age-specific training module for MCBP by IEC committee of MoHFW. Review of training delivery modalities in a social security programme to identify a sustainable approach for effective training delivery. Develop communication materials on financial inclusion and economic empowerment.	and ECD module developed and operationalized Approved age-specific training modules for MCBP are available and rolled out in the field. Existing training delivery mechanism reviewed, and recommendation incorporated in programme design. Financial inclusion and economic empowerment materials available	December, 2022	In-progress
6	Consolidate Smaller Programme	Prepare a list of smaller programmes to be continued.	List sent to Cabinet Division	July, 2022	In-progress
		Make a list of programmes to be scaled up	List sent to Cabinet Division	July, 2022	In-progress
		Make a list of programmes to be phased out.	List sent to Cabinet Division	July, 2023	In-progress
		Review the consolidation proposals.	Review prepared.	December, 2023	In-progress
7	Improve targeting of beneficiaries	Review, update and disseminate VWB and Mother and Child Benefit programme implementation guidelines. Develop and disseminate campaign strategy to inform people on eligibility criteria.	MCBP Implementation guidelines are available. VWB implementation guidelines are available. Campaign strategy and materials of MCBP and VWB programmes are in design.	December, 2022	In-progress
		MCBP and VWB MIS Integration with BBS database (NHD) when prepared	BBS database integrated and used for beneficiary selection.	Continuous	In-progress
		A well-defined verifiable indicator following PMT (Proxy Means Test) method will reduce the inclusion and exclusion errors of the programme.	A set of clearly defined indicators (Different for rural and urban context).	January, 2022	In-progress
8	Grievance Redress System	Mother and Child Benefit Programme MIS operationalize and integrate with the Cabinet led complaint redress mechanism and scaled up. Develop and pilot GRS for the VWB programme through the ICVGD 2nd Phase project. Integrate 333 with MCBP and	A well-defined GRS mechanism available in MCBP and VWB programmes. Learning documents available on GRS under MCBP and VWB. MCBP and VWB programmes are integrated with 333.	Continuous	In-progress

		VWB programme MIS to receive and address grievances.			
		Create public awareness about the facility of central GRS of the Cabinet Division.	Public meetings held and awareness-raising materials are available for distribution in all Upazilas.	July, 2024	In-progress
9	Develop Single Registry MIS	Continue improvement and simplification of programme MIS to capture beneficiary information from hard-to-reach locations.	100 per centbeneficiary underMCBP and VWBidentified from MISand reported online.	January, 2024	In-progress
		Continue improving MIS-based online self-enrollment and selection procedures by integrating the database with NID verification, SPBMU, MoH&FW for pregnancy information, local government and Civil Registration and Vital Statistic (CRVS) for birth registration	Inter-Departmental arrangement established	July, 2024	In-progress
		Link MIS with cash disbursement.	MIS linked with the financial management database of the Finance Division (SPBMU MIS).	Continuous	In-progress
		Operationalize and strengthen the MIS unit in DWA for effective management of beneficiary information system. Develop and operationalize data protection guidelines to protect social protection programme beneficiary data.	Human and technical resources are available for the MIS unit. Data protection guidelines available.	December, 2023	In-progress
10	Digitization of cash transfer	Coordination at the national and subnational level with financial service providers and the Bangladesh Bank to reduce the rate of bounce back. Sensitize beneficiary on financial inclusion procedures.	The rate of bounce back reduced. Several awareness materials were developed and disseminated.	December, 2022	In-progress
		Develop and introduce Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to regularize timely disbursement of beneficiary payment.	A clearly defined standard Operating Procedure (SOP) available to ensure monthly disbursement.	December, 2022	In-progress
		A cash transferbased component was piloted and introduced for the VWB programme, particularly for urban beneficiaries.	Urban vulnerable women receive cash through G2P based digital transfer.	July, 2023	In-progress

11	Enhance results-based M&E	An integrated MIS based monitoring system will be introduced and operationalized gradually across the country to promote informed management decisions.	Dashboard for monitoring and reporting developed in MCBP and VWB MISs	July, 2025	In-progress
		Review the role of NGOs in programme implementation and allocate required human resources at the union level and technical resources to fully operationalize the MIS unit.	The role of NGO reviewed and defined in programmes implementation. Submitted human, technical, and financial resources proposals to FD and MoPA.	December, 2023	In-progress
		Conduct a couple of research/ studies under MCBP and VWB to assess programme and process outcomes.	Assessment and research report available and recommendation incorporated in programme design	January, 2024	In-progress
		Conduct mid-term and end-term evaluations of MCBP and VWB programmes.	The programme's evaluation reports are available for further review of the programmes.	Continuous	In-progress

2.3. Finance Division

The Finance Division within the Ministry of Finance is responsible for critical functions such as fiscal policy formulation, budget preparation, financial regulations, and public debt management. It also plays a pivotal role in the design and implementation of social security programs, allocating and disbursing funds for these initiatives. The division's vision is focused on achieving economic growth through prudent financial management, while its mission revolves around ensuring macroeconomic stability and efficient fiscal management to drive economic growth and poverty reduction. Within the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS), the Finance Division's objective is to increase budgetary allocations for social security programs and transition payment systems toward Government to Person (G2P) methods for enhanced financial inclusiveness. Challenges include maintaining macroeconomic stability, sustainable debt management, improving expenditure efficiency, and enhancing the capacity of employees in public financial management.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Maintain Government Service Pension	To continue govt. pension with improvement in approval /disposal of pension cases and financial sustainability.	Pension continued with improved management supervision, monitoring, and keeping sustainable.	Continuous	In-progress
		Maintain the digitized database linked to NID/UID.	Database created.	Continuous	In-progress
		Electronic Fund Transfer in the pension payment system.	Payment system digitized.	Already implemented in case of monthly pension payment	Completed
2	Universal pension as part of NSIS	Conduct a study on the format of universal pension.	Strategy paper submitted to FD.	Depends on the finalization of the strategy paper.	In-progress
		Consultation with stakeholders.	Workshops held.	Depends on the finalization of the strategy paper.	In-progress

				Depends on the finalization of the strategy paper.	In-progress
		Cabinet Approval	Will be presented in the Cabinet.		
3	Creation of financial management database for social security programmes	Develop software for Financial MIS and run a pilot test.	Financial MIS developed and pilot tested	Done	In-progress
		Roll out financial MIS nationwide for all the social security programmes, integrating it with single registry MIS.	MIS rolled out	Done	In-progress
		Maintain the MIS	MIS maintained	Continuous	In-progress
4	Government to Person (G2P) Payments System or Digital Payment	Initiate a comprehensive review of current payment systems.	Review completed.	Done	In-progress
		Designing a digital payment architecture.	Digital payment architecture designed.	Done	In-progress
		Piloting of G2P for two core cash transfer programmes.	Two cash transfer programmes were piloted.	Done	In-progress
		Rolling out G2P for all cash transfer programmes.	G2P for all cash transfer programmes.	June, 2022	In-progress
		Maintain the system	The system maintained	Continuous	In-progress

2.4. Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief

The Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief holds a significant role in social protection, receiving a substantial portion of the government's social security budget. Its primary focus lies in disaster risk management and relief efforts, particularly for the poor and disadvantaged. The ministry also oversees workfare programs to ensure social safety, including food security initiatives, in collaboration with the Ministry of Food. Additionally, it plays a key role in the labor and livelihood intervention cluster as designated by the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS). The ministry's vision is to reduce the impact of natural, environmental, and human-induced hazards, especially on vulnerable populations, by shifting from conventional response and relief to a comprehensive risk reduction approach. The NSSS objectives include strengthening disaster relief and workfare programs. Challenges are diverse, as disaster types vary by geographical location. The ministry's key challenge is to identify disaster-prone areas, update hazard maps, and ensure effective cash and food support in the event of market failures during disasters.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Continue Disaster Relief Programmes	Supply food grain for food-based disaster relief programmes and provide a budget for cash-based programmes	Programmes continued	Continuous	In-progress
		Consider horizontal and vertical expansion of existing programmes in the face of disasters	Mechanism to scale up coverage and/ or benefit package of existing programmes in place	July, 2023	In-progress
2	Improve disaster management system	Prepare a disaster map based on hazard and vulnerability	Disaster map prepared	January, 2024	In-progress
3	Convert most of the workfare programmes from food to cash transfer	Organize discussions with stakeholders for a smooth transition	Workshops organized	December, 2021	In-progress
		Gradually change food for work programmes to cash	Food for workfare programmes phased out	December, 2024	In-progress
4		Prepare a list of small programmes	List sent to Cabinet Division	July, 2022	In-progress

	Consolidate Smaller Programmes	Identify the small programmes to be scaled up or phased out	List sent to Cabinet Division	June, 2023	In-progress
5	Improve targeting of beneficiaries	Update manual for selection procedures and disseminate it to people	Circular updated	July, 2022	In-progress
		Publish a list of beneficiaries online (where applicable)	The updated list of beneficiaries is available online	June, 2024	In-progress
		Follow poverty database of BBS database (when available)	Instruction given	June, 2022	In-progress
6	Grievance Redress System	Encourage NGOs in supporting GRS	General instructions issued	June, 2022	In-progress
		Arrange for recording complaints at field level	Instruction issued	Continuous	In-progress
		Sensitize beneficiaries to use Central GRS of Cabinet Division	Central GRS mentioned in Communication materials	June 2022 onwards	In-progress
7	Develop Single Registry MIS	Create standard Programme MIS using NIDs as a primary key	NID incorporated in Programme MIS	December, 2023	In-progress
		Make the MIS interoperable by relevant departments	Inter-operability established in MIS	June, 2025	In-progress
8	Digitization of cash transfer	Digitize payment of cash benefits of the programmes	Cash disbursement digitized	June, 2025	In-progress
		Link MIS with cash disbursement	MIS linked with financial management database of Finance Division (SPBMU MIS)	December, 2025	In-progress
9	Enhance results-based M&E	Digitize monitoring of programme implementation	Progress monitoring digitized	December, 2024	In-progress
		Conduct evaluation of programmes by internal teams/ IMED/ third party	Impact evaluation of Programmes conducted	June, 2024	In-progress
		Use CODI for assessing programmes	CODI framework used for assessing programmes	June 2023 June 2025 (Twice for each major programme)	In-progress

2.5. Ministry of Primary and Mass Education

The Ministry of Primary and Mass Education (MoPME) in Bangladesh is focused on ensuring inclusive primary education and literacy. It coordinates the 'Human Development and Social Empowerment' cluster within the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) and implements programs like stipends and school meals for primary school children. The ministry's vision is to provide quality primary education for all, and its mission is to extend access and improve primary education quality. Its NSSS objective is to continue providing stipends to primary school students and increase the stipend amount. Challenges include ensuring technology safety for parents in rural areas and the need for resources and institutional arrangements for effective school meal program implementation.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Sustain Primary Stipend Programme	Rationalize the stipend amount by adjusting inflation.	Transfer amount increased.	July, 2023	In-progress
2	Primary School Meal	Explore effective and implementable modality	Suitable modality identified	December, 2021	In-progress
		Expand programme area	No of school and beneficiary	July, 2025	In-progress
3	Develop Single Registry MIS	Create online-based MIS for all programmes.	MIS digitized for all programmes.	January, 2023	In-progress
		Make the MIS accessible to relevant departments.	Inter- Departmental arrangement established.	July, 2025	In-progress
		Link MIS with cash disbursement.	MIS linked with the financial management database of the Finance Division (SPBMU MIS).	December, 2023	In-progress
4	Digitization of cash transfer	Maintain delivery of stipend money by G2P modality.	G2P modality continued.	Continuous	In-progress
5	Enhance Results-Based M&E	Digitize monitoring of programmes.	Dashboard established.	July, 2022	In-progress

		Conduct midterm and end-term evaluation of programmes.	Programmes evaluated regularly.	Continuous	In-progress

2.6. Secondary and Higher Education Division

The Secondary and Higher Education Division, operating under the Ministry of Education in Bangladesh, holds a key role in the policymaking and administration of secondary and tertiary education. It's responsible for high schools and universities, excluding technical and madrasa education. This division shapes policies, laws, and regulations for the post-primary education sector and its institutions, covering approximately 25,227 secondary schools, colleges, and madrasas, along with 37 public and 92 private universities. Their vision is to provide quality education for all, and their mission is to create a skilled and morally advanced workforce through a blend of general, science, and technology-based education. Within the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS), their objective is to expand stipend coverage to 50% of secondary school students and increase stipend amounts. Challenges include low coverage and transfer amounts, with approximately 13 million children receiving stipends, primarily at the primary school level, while coverage for secondary school-age children stands at 17%.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Expand Secondary Education Stipend Programme	Increase the coverage by 20 per cent every year.	The number of stipend recipients increased.	July 2023 (Continue throughout next five years)	In-progress
		Increase the rate of stipend.	Transfer amount increased.	July, 2023	In-progress
2	Consolidate Smaller Programmes	Prepare a list of programmes to be continued.	List sent to Cabinet Division	July, 2022	In-progress
		Make a list of programmes to be scaled up.	List sent to Cabinet Division	July, 2022	In-progress

		Make a list of programmes to be phased out.	List sent to Cabinet Division	July, 2022	In-progress
		Review the consolidation proposals.	List sent to Cabinet Division	December, 2017	In-progress
3	Improve Targeting of Beneficiaries	Update manual for selection procedures and disseminate it to people.	Circular issued.	December, 2023	In-progress
		Publish the list of beneficiaries online to make it transparent.	Instruction is given to field offices.	Continuous	In-progress
		Follow the BBS database when prepared.	Instruction given.	January, 2023	In-progress
4	Grievance Redress System	Arrange for recording complaints at the field level.	Instruction issued.	Continuous	In-progress
		Create public awareness about the facility of central GRS of the Cabinet Division.	Public meetings held in all Upazilas.	July, 2021	In-progress
5	Develop Single Registry MIS	Create onlinebased MIS for all programmes.	MIS digitized for all programmes.	January, 2024	In-progress
		Make the MIS accessible to relevant departments.	Inter-Departmental arrangement established.	July, 2024	In-progress
		Link MIS with cash disbursement.	MIS linked with financial management database of Finance Division (SPBMU MIS).	December, 2024	In-progress

6	Consolidate Smaller Programme	Prepare a list of programmes to be continued.	List sent to Cabinet Division	July, 2021	In-progress
		Make a list of programmes to be scaled up.	List sent to Cabinet Division	July, 2021	In-progress
7	Enhance results-based M&E	Make a list of programmes to be phased out.	List sent to Cabinet Division	July, 2021	In-progress
		Review the consolidation proposals.	Review prepared.	December, 2017	In-progress

2.7. Technical And Madrasha Education

The Technical and Madrasha Education Division, a part of the Ministry of Education in Bangladesh, is responsible for overseeing technical and madrasha education. This division manages a range of public and private institutions, serving as the foundation for primary education within this sector. Its mission is to develop educated, well-trained, skilled, and morally grounded human resources through a blend of technical, vocational, science, and technology-based education. Within the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS), the division's objectives include increasing stipend coverage for madrasha students to around 50% and enhancing technical education. However, challenges persist as stipend coverage and transfer amounts remain relatively low, with the majority of the approximately 13 million stipend recipients concentrated at the primary school level, and secondary school-age children having only a 17% coverage rate.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Secondary Education Stipend Programme.	Expand the programme to technical & madrasha students.	The number of stipend recipients increased (for the FY 2020-21 no. of Stipend recipients 5,56,336).	March 2021 (Continue next five years)	In-progress
		Increase the rate of stipend.	Transfer amount increased (for the FY 2020-21 amount of Stipend Tk 312.02 crore)	July, 2022	In-progress
2	Vocational Training Programme for the youth	Expand thescholarshipprogrammeto technicalstudents.	The number of scholarshiprecipients increased.	Continuous	In-progress
3	Consolidate Smaller Programme	Prepare a list ofprogrammes tobe continued.	List sent to Cabinet Division	July, 2023	In-progress
		Make a list ofprogrammes tobe scaled up.	List sent to Cabinet Division	August, 2023	In-progress
		Make a list ofprogrammes tobe phased out.	List sent to Cabinet Division	September, 2023	In-progress
		Review theconsolidationproposals.	Review prepared.	December, 2023	In-progress
4	Improve targeting of beneficiaries	Update manualfor selectionprocedures anddisseminate it topeople.	Circular issued.	December, 2024	In-progress

		Publish the listof beneficiariesonline to make ittransparent.	Instruction is given to fieldoffices.	Continuous	In-progress
		Follow the BBSdatabase whenprepared.	Instruction given.	January, 2023	In-progress
5	Grievance Redress System	Makearrangementsfor recordingcomplaints atthe field level.	Create publicawarenessabout the facilityof central GRSof the CabinetDivision.	Instruction issued.	In-progress
		Create publicawarenessabout the facilityof central GRSof the CabinetDivision.	Public meetings held in allUpazilas.	July, 2023	In-progress
6	Develop Single Registry MIS	Create onlinebasedMIS for allprogrammes.	MIS digitized for allprogrammes.	January, 2023	In-progress
		Make the MISaccessibleby relevantdepartments.	Inter-Departmentalarrangement established.	July, 2023	In-progress
		Link MISwith cashdisbursement.	MIS is linked with thefinancial managementdatabase of the FinanceDivision (SPBMU MIS).	December, 2023	In-progress
7	Digitization of Cash Transfer	Pilot differentmodalities ofG2P.	Pilot completed.	December, 2023	In-progress
		Roll outappropriateformat of G2P.	G2P rolled out for allprogrammes.	December, 2024	In-progress
8	Enhance results-based M&E	Digitizemonitoring ofprogrammes.	Dashboard established.	July, 2024	In-progress
		Conduct midtermand endtermevaluationof programme.	Programmes evaluatedregularly.	Continuous	In-progress

2.8. Ministry of Food

The Ministry of Food is a crucial government entity responsible for addressing food availability and storage concerns, with a vision to ensure dependable and sustainable food security. Its mission involves adopting integrated food grain procurement policies, sustainable food grain preservation management, and ensuring people's food security by providing adequate, safe, and nutritious food. Within the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS), the ministry's strategic objective is to streamline food security programs. While food poverty has significantly reduced, the government recognizes the need to transition towards cash transfer programs due to the changing economic and demographic landscape. In light of global economic shocks and challenges, the ministry's role in social protection remains vital, and it is adapting well to address these issues.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Strengthening Open Market Sales (OMS)	Continue OMS programme for the poor; extend the programme to rural areas.	The programme continued.	Continuous	In-progress
2	Food Friendly Programme (FFP)	Expand the programmes duration and or the number of beneficiaries	Programme duration or the number of beneficiaries extended.	Continuous	In-progress
3	Large Employee Industry (LEI)	Continue this programme for tea garden labourers.	The programme continued.	Continuous	In-progress
4	Strengthening Nutrition Specific Social Protection for Vulnerable People	Develop and implement appropriate Nutrition sensitive social protection programmes including food fortification for a targeted vulnerable group, especially mothers and children.	Number of Upazilas covered by fortified rice distribution.	Continuous	In-progress
5	Continue Disaster Relief Programmes	Supply of food grain for disaster relief programmes.	Programme continued.	Continuous	In-progress

6	Convert workfarebased programmes to cash	Periodically review the feasibility of converting foodbased programme to cash.	Review every year.	Annual	In-progress
		Implement the decision of the review meetings	Implement the decision of the review meetings.	Annual	In-progress
7	Ensure Congenial Food Stock Policy and Fair Price Policy	Review food stock policy and fair price policy regularly	Review meetings held.	Quarterly	In-progress
8	Consolidate Smaller Programmes	Prepare a list of programmes to be continued.	List sent to Cabinet Division	July, 2022	In-progress
		Make a list of programmes to be scaled up.	List sent to Cabinet Division	July, 2022	In-progress
		Make a list of programmes to be phased out.	List sent to Cabinet Division	July, 2022	In-progress
		Review the consolidation proposals	Review prepared.	December, 2022	In-progress
9	Improve Targeting of Beneficiaries	Update manual for selection procedures and disseminate it to people.	Circular issued	December, 2022	In-progress
		Publish the list of beneficiaries online to make it transparent.	Instruction given to field offices	Continuous	In-progress
		Follow the BBS database when prepared.	Instruction given.	January, 2023	In-progress
10	Grievance Redress System	Make arrangements for recording complaints at the field level.	Instruction issued.	Continuous	In-progress
		Create public awareness about the facility of central GRS of the Cabinet Division.	Public meetings held in all Upazilas.	July, 2023	In-progress
11	Develop Single Registry MIS	Create onlinebased MIS for all programmes.	MIS digitized for all programmes.	January, 2022	In-progress
		Make the MIS accessible by relevant departments.	Inter- Departmental arrangement established.	July, 2024	In-progress

			MIS linked with the financial management database of the Finance Division (SPBMU MIS).		
		Link MIS with cash disbursement.	MIS linked with the financial management database of the Finance Division (SPBMU MIS).	December, 2025	In-progress
12	Enhance Results-Based M&E	Digitize monitoring of programmes.	Dashboard established.	July, 2025	In-progress
		Conduct mid-term and end-term evaluation of programmes.	Programmes evaluated regularly.	Continuous	In-progress
		The top largest programme is evaluated by the CODI framework.	The programme evaluated by the CODI framework.	Continuous	In-progress

2.9. Ministry of Agriculture

The Ministry of Agriculture in Bangladesh plays a vital role in enhancing the well-being of a substantial portion of the population by focusing on improving agricultural productivity, profitability, and generating employment in rural areas. Agriculture directly influences food and nutritional security, income opportunities, and poverty reduction. The ministry's vision centers on achieving sustainable, safe, and profitable crop production, while its mission is to enhance food security through increased crop productivity, improved marketing systems, crop diversification, and the production of more nutritious crops. Within the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS), the ministry's objectives revolve around supporting food security by promoting sustained growth in production and agricultural employment. It faces several challenges, including decreasing agricultural land, population growth, climate change, rapid urbanization, agricultural research and education, adapting technology to changing needs, and disseminating technology to farmers.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Enhance availability of agricultural food and nu-trition	Maintain existing agricultural rehabilitation programme.	Agricultural rehabilitation programmes continued.	Continuous	In-progress
		Keep up research programmes for increasing food production.	Research works expanded.	Continuous	In-progress
2	Expand opportunities for agricultural labour and livelihoods	Sustain capacity building and sensitization programmes.	Training and motivational programmes are organized regularly.	Continuous	In-progress
3	Consolidate smaller programmes	Prepare a list of programmes to be continued.	List sent to Cabinet Division	July, 2022	In-progress
		Make a list of programmes to be scaled up.	List sent to Cabinet Division	August, 2022	In-progress
		Make a list of programmes to be phased out.	List sent to Cabinet Division	September, 2022	In-progress

		Review the consolidation proposals.	Review prepared.	December, 2023	In-progress
4	Improve targeting of beneficiaries	Update manual for selection procedures and disseminate it to people.	Circular issued.	January, 2023	In-progress
		Publish the list of beneficiaries online to make it transparent	Instruction is given to field offices.	Continuous	In-progress
		Follow the BBS database when prepared.	Instruction given.	February, 2023	In-progress
5	Grievance Redress System	Make arrangements for recording complaints at the field level.	Instruction issued.	Continuous	In-progress
		Create public awareness about the facility of central GRS of the Cabinet Division.	Public Meetings are held in all Upazilas.	September, 2024	In-progress
6	Develop Single Registry MIS	Create online Based MIS for all programmes.	MIS digitized for all programmes.	March, 2025	In-progress
		Make the MIS accessible to relevant departments.	Interdepartmental arrangement established.	July, 2023	In-progress
		Link MIS with cash disbursement.	MIS is linked with the financial management database of the Finance Division (SPBMU MIS).	December, 2023	In-progress
7	Digitization of cash transfer	Pilot different modalities of G2P.	Pilot completed	December, 2024	In-progress
		Roll out the appropriate format of G2P.	G2P rolled out for all programmes.	December, 2025	In-progress
8	Enhance results-based M&E	Digitize monitoring of programmes.	Dashboard established.	July, 2025	In-progress
		Conduct midterm evaluation of programmes.	Programmes evaluated regularly.	Continuous	In-progress
		Top 5 programmes evaluated by CODI format			In-progress

2.10. Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock

The Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock is a crucial player in ensuring food and nutrition security within the realm of social security. Its programs encompass human development and livelihood interventions, with a vision to guarantee safe and secure animal protein for all. The ministry's mission revolves around meeting the demand for animal protein by enhancing the production, productivity, and value addition of fish and livestock products. Within the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS), the ministry aims to provide social security to fishermen during seasonal unemployment and improve livelihood development for poor farmers in the livestock sector. There is a need to transition food security programs into cash transfers where feasible. Challenges include addressing food insecurity among the fishing community during lean seasons, providing adequate food security support to small and marginal farmers and livestock during natural hazard periods, and enhancing value addition in dairy and poultry products, all while grappling with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Strengthen food security for the fishermen	Ensure registrationof all fishermen fortheir identification.	ID card distributioncompleted.	June, 2023	In-progress
		Coordinate with MoDMR to operateVGF for fishermen(based on demand).	VGF is distributed toonly ID cardholders.	Continuous	In-progress
2	Expand opportunities for (self) employment in poultry and dairy production	Support to Small andMarginal farmers	713.00 crore BDTdistributed to the 6.2Lac Dairy and Poultryfarmers to mitigatethe risk of Covid-19outbreak	June, 2021	In-progress
		Resource Transfer topoor farmers	The number ofLivestock and Poultrywill be distributedthrough differentdevelopmentp rojects	June, 2026	In-progress
		Input distribution topoor and vulnerablefarmers	Animal Feed andmedicine will bedistributed through adevelopment project	July, 2026	In-progress

		Provide training tosmall and marginalfarmers	Training and skilldevelopmentprogr ammesorganized regularly	August, 2026	In-progress
3	Consolidate smaller programmes	Prepare a list ofprogrammes. to becontinued.	List sent to CabinetDivision.	July, 2021	In-progress
		Make a list ofprogrammes. to bescaled up.	List sent to CabinetDivision.	July, 2021	In-progress
		Make a list ofprogrammes. to bephased out.	List sent to CabinetDivision.	July, 2021	In-progress
		Review theconsolidationprop osals.	Review prepared.	December, 2021	In-progress
4	Improve targeting of beneficiarie s	Update manual forselection proceduresand disseminate it topeople.	Circular issued.	December, 2022	In-progress
		Publish the listof beneficiariesonline to make ittransparent.	Instruction is givento field offices.	Continuous	In-progress
		Follow BBS databasewhen prepared.	Instruction given.	January, 2022	In-progress
5	Grievance Redress System	Make arrangementsfor recordingcomplaints at thefield level.	Instruction issued.	Continuous	In-progress
		Create publicawareness aboutthe facility of centralGRS of the CabinetDivision.	Public meetings heldin all Upazilas.	July, 2023	In-progress
6	Develop Single Registry MIS	Create onlinebasedMIS for allprogrammes.	MIS digitized for allprogrammes.	January, 2023	In-progress
		Make the MISaccessibleby relevantdepartments.	Interdepartmentalarra ngementestablished.	July, 2024	In-progress

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			MIS is linkedwith the financialmanagementd atabase of theFinance Division(SPBMU MIS).		
		Link MIS with cashdisbursement.		December, 2024	In-progress
7	Digitization of cash transfer	Pilot differentmodalities of G2P.	Pilot completed.	December, 2025	In-progress
		Roll out anappropriate formatof G2P.	G2P rolled out for allprogrammes.	December, 2025	In-progress
8	Enhance results-based M&E	Digitize monitoringof programmes.	Dashboardestablished.	July, 2025	In-progress
		Conduct mid-termand end-termevaluation ofprogrammes.	Programmes.evaluated regularly.	Continuous	In-progress
		Evaluate topprogrammes. byCODI.	Programmesevaluated (baseline).	June, 2022	In-progress
			Programmes.evaluated (mid/end-term).	June 2024June 2025	

2.11. Ministry of Liberation War Affairs

Ministry of Liberation War Affairs is responsible for preserving freedom fighters' records, providing benefits to them and their dependents, and upholding the history of the liberation war in Bangladesh. The ministry's vision is to fulfill Bangladesh's dream of prosperity by honoring the ideals of the liberation war, while its mission encompasses preserving history, aligning programs with national development goals, and establishing a social safety net for freedom fighters and their descendants. Within the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS), the ministry's objectives include consolidating social security programs, enhancing living standards, empowering women, and involving them in socio-economic decision-making. Challenges include identifying overlooked freedom fighters, ensuring transparent program delivery, and developing projects for the welfare of freedom fighters and the preservation of historic liberation war sites.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Continue Freedom Fighters' Benefit Programme	To update the database of beneficiaries.	Database updated.	Continuous	In-progress
		To maintain Division benefit value in terms of growth in GDP ratio.	The transfer value increased with GDP growth.	Continuous	In-progress
2	Consolidate smaller programmes	Prepare a list of programmes to be continued.	List sent to Cabinet Division	August, 2021	In-progress
		Make a list of programmes to be scaled up	List sent to Cabinet Division	August, 2021	In-progress
		Make a list of programmes to be phased out.	List sent to Cabinet Division	August, 2021	In-progress
		Review the consolidation proposals.	Review prepared.	December, 2021	In-progress
3	Improve targeting of beneficiaries	Update manual for selection procedures and disseminate it to people.	Policy for selection procedure titled "Order for Distribution of Freedom Fighters' Honorarium, 2020 was already published.	Done	In-progress
		Publish the list of beneficiaries online to make it transparent.	Instruction is given to field offices.	Continuous	In-progress
		Follow the BBS database when prepared.	Instruction given.	June, 2023	In-progress

4	Grievance Redress System	Arrange for recording complaints at the field level.	Instruction issued.	Continuous	In-progress
		Create public awareness about the facility of central GRS of the Cabinet Division.	Public meetings held in all Upazilas.	July, 2021	In-progress
5	Develop Single Registry MIS	Create onlinebased MIS for all programmes.	MIS digitized for all programmes.	January, 2024	In-progress
		Make the MIS accessible to relevant departments.	Interdepartmental arrangement established.	July, 2024	In-progress
		Link MIS with cash disbursement.	MIS linked with the financial management database of the Finance Division. (SPBMU MIS)	December, 2025	In-progress
6	Digitization of cash transfer	Pilot different modalities of G2P.	Pilot completed.		In-progress
		Roll appropriate format of G2P.	G2P rolled out for all programmes.		In-progress
7	Enhance Results- Based M&E	Digitize monitoring of programmes.	Dashboard established.	July, 2025	In-progress
		Conduct midterm and endterm evaluation of programmes.	Programmes. evaluated regularly.	Continuous	In-progress
		Largest programmes. is evaluated by the CODI framework.			In-progress

2.12. Financial Institutions Division (FID)

The Financial Institutions Division (FID) under the Ministry of Finance was established in January 2010 and handles law and policy matters concerning banks, non-bank financial institutions, the capital market, insurance sector, and microcredit sector. It coordinates activities related to policy formulation, capital adequacy, and oversees foreign loan utilization for various agencies. FID also collaborates with regulatory bodies such as the Bangladesh Bank, Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission, Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority, and more. The division's vision is to build an efficient, inclusive, and robust financial market and services system, with a mission to strengthen the regulatory and institutional framework. Within the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS), its strategic objective is to institutionalize a social insurance system for Bangladesh, which is relatively new in the country and requires a robust legal and institutional foundation.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Support in Introduction of NSIS	Conduct a study on NSIS.	Study report disseminated.	June, 2022	In-progress
		Support other ministries as required.	Actuarial assessment done.	Continuous	In-progress
		Support in drafting legislative documents.	Legislation drafted.	Continuous	In-progress
2	Consolidate Smaller Programmes	Consolidating smaller programmes may not be applicable due to different donors, programme objectives, implementing agencies, and reporting systems.	Not applicable.	Not Applicable	In-progress
3	Improve targeting of beneficiaries	Identify relevant indicators and corresponding cut of points for targeting beneficiaries in consultation with experts and previous experience.	Relevant indicators and corresponding cut-off points were identified.	December, 2022	In-progress
		Conduct FGDs for preliminary selection and questionnaire survey for final selection of beneficiaries.	Target beneficiaries selected.	December, 2023	In-progress
		Prepare a list of identified target beneficiaries and a hanging list in the open place of the village for validation of targeting beneficiaries.	Beneficiaries' list & progress report.	December, 2024	In-progress
		Finalize the beneficiaries' list based on approval by the villagers.	Beneficiaries' list & progress report.	December, 2025	In-progress
4		Establish a complaint box in the office building and upload the online	Complaint box made available in the office	December, 2022	In-progress

		complaint box on the website of PKSF.	and online complain box made available on the website.		
	Grievance Redress System	Formation of Grievance Redress Committee and provide training. Arrange for recording complaints.	G&A Progress Report.	June, 2022	In-progress
		Conduct training on Governance and Accountability Action Plan (GAAP).	Training report.	June, 2023	In-progress
		Identification of risk & prepare action plan through GAAP and CAP exercise at the community level.	GAAP and CAP Exercise report.	Continue up to June 2026	In-progress
5	Develop Single Registry MIS	Prepare a list of individual project beneficiaries based on the identification and NID numbers.	MIS Progress Report.	June, 2023	In-progress
		Develop an Integrated Information System for various projects.	Single registry MIS designed.	June, 2024	In-progress
		Develop a mechanism of common entry system for different programmes. and projects.	Mechanism of integrating different programmes s and projects of PKSF for common entry developed.	June, 2025	In-progress
6	Digitization of cash transfer	Digitalize all financial transactions between PKSF with Partner Organizations (POs).	All financial transactions of PKSF to POs brought under BEFTN.	December, 2022	In-progress
		Digitalize financial transactions between POs with members.	Financial transactions between POs with members made through mobile financial service.	June, 2025	In-progress
7	Enhance results-based M&E	Develop Results Framework for new projects	Achievement's status report.	June, 2022	In-progress
		Development of web-based Management Information System (MIS) and Loan Management System (LMS) as per requirement.	Progress status report.	June, 2024	In-progress
		Conduct Results- Based Monitoring (RBM) for different projects.	RBM for different projects introduced.	Continue up to 2026	In-progress
		Conduct impact evaluation for different projects of PKSF.	Impact evaluation reports of different projects of PKSF were made available.	Continue up to 2026	In-progress

2.13. Economic Relations Division (ERD)

ERD plays a pivotal role in mobilizing external development assistance to support the nation's socio-economic growth. It serves as the central interface for liaising with development partners and coordinating external aid. Their vision is focused on sustainable socio-economic development, with a mission to manage foreign assistance to reinforce national development. Within the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS), ERD aims to provide coordination and technical support for enhancing social security programs. Key challenges include setting up an effective organizational structure to facilitate collaboration with development partners, ensuring a consistent inflow of foreign aid for NSSS implementation.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Coordination with Development Partners	Engage with Development Partners for mobilization of funds including social security programmes.	Mobilize external assistance those including a fund for social security programmes.	Continuous	In-progress
2	Consolidate Smaller Programmes	Convince the Development Partners for funding the major lifecycle programmes.	Major lifecycle programmes are preferred instead of small programmes for funding.	Continuous	In-progress
3	Expand public workfare programme	Engage with the Development Partners to provide augmented support for public workfare programmes in the context of migration to rural areas due to loss of livelihoods from Covid-19.	To accommodate the new additions to the rural labour force, bankable Employment Generation Programme for the Poorest (EGPP) programmes with components for training, savings, etc., to graduate participants out of poverty by enabling them to gain access to longer-term formal sector employment	Continuous	In-progress

		or self-employment has been designed and adopted for implementation by the respective ministries. DPs are funding to implement the programmes.		
4	Stronger emphasis on early human capital development	Mobilizing support from external sources for early human capital development.	The safety net programmes on maternal and early childhood have been expanded up to five years for the proper development of a child's brain. School feeding programme has been introduced at the secondary level particularly in the country's lagging areas.	Continuous	In-progress
5	Building an innovative STEM workforce that will be able to take on the challenges posed by the 4IR	Mobilizing funds from the DPs to promote STEM education.	An appropriate change in the curriculum, in line with STEM education. Capacity-building of stakeholders in education such as educational policymakers, administrators of educational institutions, and teachers through professional training in STEM concepts and the role of STEM education in sustainable development. Setting up of laboratories in primary and secondary schools which will be appropriately equipped for hands-on learning by students that will develop important	Continuous	In-progress

			life skills such as creativity, critical thinking, problem-solving, teamwork, and attention to detail.		
6	Dissemination of the social security initiatives of the government	Make publications highlighting success stories of government in social security.	Annual Report and Flow of External Resources in Bangladesh published including funding for NSSS projects.	Continuous	In-progress

2.14. Ministry of Labour and Employment

The Ministry of Labour and Employment in Bangladesh is entrusted with the enforcement of labor laws, policies, and overall social security for the workforce. With a significant role assigned by the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) in introducing an insurance scheme for workers, the ministry plays a crucial role in social security. Their vision is centered on ensuring a decent workplace and a healthier life for workers, promoting the welfare of all working individuals. To realize this vision, their mission involves enhancing productivity through safe working conditions, fostering harmonious employer-worker relations, eradicating child labor, and developing a skilled labor force. Within the NSSS framework, the ministry's objectives include establishing a social insurance system for workers, mitigating socio-economic risks and vulnerabilities, and ensuring social safety.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Coordination with Development Partners	Engage with Development Partners for mobilization of funds including social security programmes.	Mobilize external assistance those including a fund for social security programmes.	Continuous	In-progress
2	Consolidate Smaller Programmes	Convince the Development Partners for funding the major lifecycle programmes.	Major lifecycle programmes are preferred instead of small programmes for funding.	Continuous	In-progress
3	Expand public workfare programme	Engage with the Development Partners to provide augmented support for public workfare programmes in the context of migration to rural areas due to loss of livelihoods from Covid-19.	To accommodate the new additions to the rural labour force, bankable Employment Generation Programme for the Poorest (EGPP) programmes with components for training, savings, etc., to graduate participants out of poverty by enabling them to gain access to longer-term formal sector employment or self-employment has been designed and adopted for implementation by the respective ministries. DPs are	Continuous	In-progress

			funding to implement the programmes.		
4	Stronger emphasis on early human capital development	Mobilizing support from external sources for early human capital development.	The safety net programmes on maternal and early childhood have been expanded up to five years for the proper development of a child's brain. School feeding programme has been introduced at the secondary level particularly in the country's lagging areas.	Continuous	In-progress
5	Building an innovative STEM workforce that will be able to take on the challenges posed by the 4IR	Mobilizing funds from the DPs to promote STEM education.	An appropriate change in the curriculum, in line with STEM education. Capacity-building of stakeholders in education such as educational policymakers, administrators of educational institutions, and teachers through professional training in STEM concepts and the role of STEM education in sustainable development. Setting up of laboratories in primary and secondary schools which will be appropriately equipped for hands-on learning by students that will develop important life skills such as creativity, critical thinking, problem-solving, teamwork, and attention to detail.	Continuous	In-progress
6	Dissemination of the social security initiatives of the government	Make publications highlighting success stories of government in social security.	Annual Report and Flow of External Resources in Bangladesh published including funding for NSSS projects.	Continuous	In-progress

2.15. Medical Education and Family Welfare Division

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has focus is on medical education, family welfare, improving education standards, and developing human resources for effective healthcare services. The division also aims to expand and improve family planning, reproductive health, and maternal and child health services. Their vision is to ensure affordable and quality family planning and medical education for all, with a mission to provide accessible and high-quality healthcare and family planning services while developing the health, population, and nutrition sector. Within the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS), their objectives include expanding and ensuring quality maternity, reproductive health, family planning, and child health services for all who need them. Challenges include addressing high child marriage rates, promoting modern contraceptive practices, and reducing maternal mortality, especially in underserved regions with inadequate family planning facilities.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Maternal Health Care	Continue increase of coverage by 10 per cent.	The number of beneficiaries increased.	Every Year	In-progress
		Coordinate similar programmes by other ministries.	Consultations are held regularly.	Ongoing	In-progress
2	Maternal Health	Facility readiness of the facilities.	The number of facilities increased to provide 24/7 normal delivery services.	Every Year	In-progress
3	Adolescent Health	Phase-wise scaleup the Adolescent Friendly Health Services (AFHS).	Number of AFHS	Every Year	In-progress
4	LARC and PM	Strengthen LARC and PM at HRT and low performing areas.	Updated regional service packages available and implemented.	December, 2022	In-progress
5	Postpartum Family Planning (PPFP)	Strengthen and scale up PPFP at DGHs facilities and private medical college hospitals, private hospitals, and clinics.	MOU among DGFP, DGHS, and association of private hospitals and, clinics are signed.	December, 2023	In-progress
6	Satellite Clinics (SCs)	A total of approximately 30,000 satellite	Number of SCs	June, 2023	In-progress

		clinics are held every month.			
7	Urban family Planning	Urban family planning pilot at Sylhet City Corporation will be scaled up at Mymensingh, Chattogram, Dhaka North and South City Corporation.	Set in motion and, FP services are available in the selected City Corporation.	June, 2024	In-progress
8	FP services in Garment Facto-ries	In collaboration with BGMEA, BKMEA, BEPZA, other professional bodies, and NGOs FP services will be strengthened and scaled up in garment factories.	MOU with BGMEA, BKMEA and, BEPZA signed.	December, 2022	In-progress
9	Harmonization of MIS among DGHS, DGME and, DGNM	Develop a Plan of Action to enhance the harmonization process involving all stakeholders.	The harmonization process is completed.	June, 2022	In-progress
10	Improve targeting of beneficiaries	Update manual for selection procedures and disseminate it to people.	Circular issued.	December, 2023	In-progress
		Follow the BBS database when prepared.	Instruction given.	December, 2023	In-progress
11	Grievance Redress System	Arrange for recording complaints at the field level.	Instruction issued.		In-progress
		Create public awareness about the facility of central GRS of Cabinet Division.	Public meetings are held in all districts.	July, 2024	In-progress
12	Develop Single Registry MIS	Create onlinebased MIS for all programmes.	MIS digitized for all programmes.	July, 2024	In-progress
		Make the MIS accessible by relevant departments.	Inter-Departmental arrangement	January, 2024	In-progress
		Link MIS with cash disbursement.	MIS is linked with the financial management database of the	December, 2024	In-progress

			Finance Division (SPBMU MIS).		
13	Digitization of cash transfer	Pilot different modalities of G2P.	Pilot completed.	July, 2024	In-progress
		Roll out an appropriate format of G2P.	G2P rolled out for all programmes.	December, 2024	In-progress
14	Enhance results-based M&E	Digitize monitoring of programmes.	Dashboard established.	July, 2025	In-progress
		Conduct midterm and end-term evaluation of programmes.	Programmes. evaluated.	Continuous	In-progress

2.16. Health Services Division

The Health Services Division, a key component of the Bangladesh government's Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, is dedicated to healthcare in the country. Established in 2017, the division's vision is to provide affordable and high-quality health services for all. Their mission revolves around ensuring top-tier health services at an affordable cost by developing healthcare, population, and nutrition sectors. Within the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS), the division aims to expand maternal healthcare services to reach all underserved women in need and continue nutrition programs. Challenges include the need to guarantee maternity healthcare and nutrition for all who require it, along with the implementation of a maternity health insurance system.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Maternal Health Care	Continue increase of coverage by 10 per cent.	The number of beneficiaries increased.	Every Year	In-progress
		Coordinate similar programmes by other ministries.	Consultations are held regularly.	Ongoing	In-progress
2	Maternal Health	Facility readiness of the facilities.	The number of facilities increased to provide 24/7 normal delivery services.	Every Year	In-progress
3	Adolescent Health	Phase-wise scaleup the Adolescent Friendly Health Services (AFHS).	Number of AFHS	Every Year	In-progress
4	LARC and PM	Strengthen LARC and PM at HRT and low performing areas.	Updated regional service packages available and implemented.	December, 2022	In-progress
5	Postpartum Family Planning (PPFP)	Strengthen and scale up PPFP at DGHs facilities and private medical college hospitals, private hospitals, and clinics.	MOU among DGFP, DGHS, and association of private hospitals and, clinics are signed.	December, 2023	In-progress
6	Satellite Clinics (SCs)	A total of approximately 30,000 satellite clinics are held every month.	Number of SCs	June, 2023	In-progress

7	Urban family Planning	Urban family planning pilot at Sylhet City Corporation will be scaled up at Mymensingh, Chattogram, Dhaka North and South City Corporation.	Set in motion and, FP services are available in the selected City Corporation.	June, 2024	In-progress
8	FP services in Garment Facto-ries	In collaboration with BGMEA, BKMEA, BEPZA, other professional bodies, and NGOs FP services will be strengthened and scaled up in garment factories.	MOU with BGMEA, BKMEA and, BEPZA signed.	December, 2022	In-progress
9	Harmonization of MIS among DGHS, DGME and, DGNM	Develop a Plan of Action to enhance the harmonization process involving all stakeholders.	The harmonization process is completed.	June, 2022	In-progress
10	Improve targeting of beneficiaries	Update manual for selection procedures and disseminate it to people.	Circular issued.	December, 2023	In-progress
		Follow the BBS database when prepared.	Instruction given.	December, 2023	In-progress
11	Grievance Redress System	Arrange for recording complaints at the field level.	Instruction issued.		In-progress
		Create public awareness about the facility of central GRS of Cabinet Division.	Public meetings are held in all districts.	July, 2024	In-progress
12	Develop Single Registry MIS	Create onlinebased MIS for all programmes.	MIS digitized for all programmes.	July, 2024	In-progress
		Make the MIS accessible by relevant departments.	Inter-Departmental arrangement	January, 2024	In-progress
		Link MIS with cash disbursement.	MIS is linked with the financial management database of the Finance Division (SPBMU MIS).	December, 2024	In-progress
13	Digitization of cash transfer	Pilot different modalities of G2P.	Pilot completed.	July, 2024	In-progress
		Roll out an appropriate format of G2P.	G2P rolled out for all programmes.	December, 2024	In-progress
14	Enhance results-based M&E	Digitize monitoring of programmes.	Dashboard established.	July, 2025	In-progress
		Conduct midterm and end-term evaluation of programmes.	Programmes. evaluated.	Continuous	In-progress

2.17. Prime Minister's Office (PMO)

The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) in Bangladesh holds a pivotal role in realizing the vision of Digital and Smart Bangladesh. Committed to enhancing ICT capacity and ensuring efficiency, transparency, and accountability across government and public administration, the PMO works towards fulfilling the vision of a prosperous Sonar Bangla as envisioned by the nation's founder. The mission of the PMO includes coordinating national programs for the establishment of Digital Bangladesh, fostering an investment-friendly environment, and implementing initiatives for socio-economic and human resource development to uplift the living standards of marginalized communities.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Streamline Social Security Initiatives of NGOs	Make formal arrangements for keeping account of social security accounting of NGOs	NGO spending on Social Security prepared	Annually from December 2023 Onward	In-progress
		Coordinate social security programmes between NGOs and the Government	GO-NGO Coordination enhanced at the central level	Continuous	
			NGOs instructed and monitored for coordination with field administration	Continuous	
			At least two meetings are organized per year.	Continuous	In-progress
2	Scale-up housing programmes for the landless people	Increase coverage of the programmes	2 Lakh beneficiaries covered	Annually	
			Progress reviewed regularly by the CMC and the Focal Point coordination meetings.	Continuous	In-progress
3	Social Empowerment of	Extend the existing programme	Coverage increased by 10% every year	Continuous	In-progress

Ethnic Minorities of Plain Land				
		Committee activated and Decisions are taken on MTR findings and recommendations.	December, 2020	

2.18. Cabinet Division

The Cabinet Division of Bangladesh serves as the apex body responsible for managing cabinet affairs and coordinating across ministries and divisions. It also plays a crucial role in administrative reforms and fostering good governance through various strategies and tools. The division's vision is to enhance overall good governance, and its mission includes coordinating and overseeing the implementation of a comprehensive social security system. Key objectives involve mobilizing the Central Management Committee (CMC) on Social Security and modernizing the delivery of social benefits. The main challenge faced by the Cabinet Division is establishing coordination among line ministries to consolidate and streamline the country's social security system with a lifecycle framework.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Strengthening the coordination of social security programme implementation	Organize regular meetings of the CMC.	At least two meetings are organized per year.	Continuous	Continuous
		Follow up on the implementation progress of the CMC decisions.	Progress reviewed regularly by the CMC and the Focal Point coordination meetings.	Continuous	Continuous
2	Activating dedicated NSSS CMC subcommittee (headed by Cabinet Secretary) activated	Committee activated with agreed ToR, the right composition, and scope of work. Decisions on 1st MTR findings and recommendation.	Committee activated and Decisions are taken on MTR findings and recommendation	December, 2020	Completed
		Committee agrees on a set of prioritized action plans based on the reforms action plan by 38- line ministries.	Action Plan approved and published	December, 2021	Completed
		Integration of SP reforms plan in the Annual Performance Agreement (APA)	SP reforms plan integration to APA	December, 2022	Completed
		Oversee the implementation of the reforms action plans as in the APA by commissioning the 2nd MTR	Commissioning of the 2nd MTR	December, 2023	In-progress

		Oversee the implementation of the reforms action plans as in the APA Decisions on 2nd MTR findings and recommendation	Satisfactory performance according to APA	December, 2024	In-progress
		The final NSSS Evaluation shows significant reforms progress	Satisfactory performance according to APA	December, 2025	In-progress
3	Activating thematic cluster committees	Capacity building of the thematic clusters.	Workshops or training programmes organized on thematic clusters.	At least 2 training Programmes each year.	In-progress
4	Vitalizing Divisional, District, and Upazila Social Security Management Committees	Strengthen and operationalize the field-level management committees.	Training programmes are organized for strengthening the DivMC, DMC, and the UMC.	At least 10 districts every year.	In-progress
5	Engagement with development partners and the NGOs	Organize dialogues and conferences with DPs and NGOs.	Dialogues and conferences are organized at least 1 every year.	Continuous	Continuous
6	Single Registry MIS	Support the ministries in updating the programme MISs and link those with the central MIS of SPBMU and iBAS++ of the Finance Division.	At least 40 per cent of Programmes linked with central MIS.	June, 2022	
			At least 70 per cent of programmes are linked with central MIS.	June, 2024	
			At least 90 per cent of programmes are linked with central MIS.	June, 2026	In-progress
7	Consolidation of small-scale programmes.	Collect proposals from line ministries.	Proposals received.	June, 2022	In-progress
		Implement the consolidation as approved by CMC.	Programmes consolidated.	As per the timeline to be set by CMC	In-progress
8	Roll out GRS for social security governance	Capacity building of both demand and supply sides.	Sensitization workshops organized.	4-5 districts every year	In-progress

9	Monitoring and Evaluation	To review M&E reports of line ministries.	M&E report reviewed.	Continuous	Continuous
		CODI and Third- Party Evaluation of top/largest social security programmes.	Programmes evaluated regularly.	Continuous	Continuous
10	NSSS Action Plan of the Second Phase	Complete the NSSS Action Plan	Drafting of the NSSS Action Plan completed and submitted in the CMC.	June, 2021	Completed
			The NSSS Action Plan of the Second Phase is printed and launched.	December, 2021	
		Monitoring the implementation progress of the NSSS Action Plan.	Mid-term progress report prepared.	January, 2023	In-progress
			Final Progress report prepared.	February, 2025	

2.19. Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment

The Ministry holds a crucial role in the welfare of migrant workers and their families, as well as skills development and facilitating overseas employment, which significantly impacts Bangladesh's socio-economic life. This ministry empowers migrant workers, particularly female workers, and boosts the country's economy through increased remittance inflow. Its vision is to contribute to the socio-economic development of the country by expanding overseas employment opportunities, ensuring safe migration, protecting migrant workers' rights, and enhancing their welfare. The mission is to develop migration management, create a skilled workforce, enhance overseas employment opportunities, protect migrant workers' rights, and ensure safe and orderly migration. Within the NSSS, the ministry aims to explore overseas employment opportunities, develop skills, protect migrant workers' rights, and ensure their welfare and social security.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Strengthen social allowance (financial support/ assistance/ benefits) for the migrant workers and their family members	Increase the number of social allowances programmes for the migrant workers and their family members.	Increased number of programmes raising the number of beneficiaries.	Continuous	In-progress
2	Mandatory insurance coverage for all aspirant migrant workers.	Issue a circular for providing mandatory insurance coverage for all aspirant migrant workers.	Issued circular.	December, 2023	In-progress
3	Enhance skills development and obtain the international standard of skills and accreditation	Institutional capacity building by establishing new TTCs (Technical Training Centre) and IMTs (Institution of Marine Technology).	Established TTCs and IMTs.	Continuous	In-progress

		Enhance capability through providing training of the trainers.	Provided training for trainers.	Continuous	In-progress
		Liaise and collaborate with reputed international training centres by signing MoUs for obtaining the international standard of skills and accreditation,	Signed MOUs with reputed international training centres.	Continuous	In-progress
		Identify new areas of overseas employment and training.	Identified new areas of overseas employment and training.	Continuous	In-progress
4	Consolidate Smaller Programmes	Prepare a list of programmes to be continued.	List sent to Cabinet Division.	July, 2021	In-progress
		Make a list of programmes to be scaled up.	List sent to Cabinet Division.	July, 2021	In-progress
		Make a list of programmes to be phased out.	List sent to Cabinet Division.	July, 2021	In-progress
		Review the consolidation proposals.	Review prepared.	December, 2021	In-progress

5	Improve targeting of beneficiaries	Introduce manual for selection procedures and disseminate it to people.	Manual disseminated.	December, 2022	In-progress
		Publish the list of beneficiaries online to make it transparent.	List of beneficiaries published.	Continuous	In-progress
		Follow the BBS database when prepared.	Instruction given.	January, 2022	In-progress
6	Grievance Redress System	Make arrangements for recording complaints centrally and at the field level.	Instruction issued.	Continuous	In-progress
		Create public awareness about the facility of central GRS of Cabinet Division.	Public meetings held in all Upazilas.	July, 2022	In-progress
7	Develop Single Registry MIS	Create onlinebased MIS for all programmes.	MIS digitized for all programmes.	December, 2023	In-progress
		Make the MIS accessible to relevant departments.	Interdepartmental arrangement established.	July, 2023	In-progress

		Link MIS with cash disbursement.	MIS linked with the financial management database of the Finance Division (SPBMU MIS).	December, 2023	In-progress
8	Digitization of cash transfer	Pilot different modalities of G2P.	Pilot completed.	December, 2024	In-progress
		Roll out an appropriate format of G2P.	G2P rolled out for all programmes.	December, 2024	In-progress
9	Enhance resultsbased M&E	Digitize monitoring of programmes.	Dashboard established.	December, 2025	In-progress
		Conduct mid-term and end-term evaluation of programmes.	Programmes evaluated regularly.	Continuous	In-progress
		CODI and Third- Party Evaluation of top/largest social security programmes.	Programmes evaluated regularly.	Continuous	In-progress
10	Increase apprenticeship opportunities	Enhance apprenticeship training by linking with industries through BMET & apprenticeship offices.	Provided training on apprenticeship.	Continuous	In-progress
11	Ensure rolling out of CBTA	Align coursecurriculum for technical training with the CBTA.	Provided training Under NTVQF at TTCs & IMTs.	Continuous	In-progress
		Ensure Industrial attachment for the trainees.	Provided Industrial attachment.	Continuous	In-progress
12	Formulation of foreign language training guidelines	Develop foreign language training guidelines.	Issued Circular.	June, 2021	In-progress

13	Programme for reaching the lagging behind communities like Santal, Garo, etc. as well as the poor section of the rural and urban society	Campaign to the lagging behind communities like Santal, Garo, etc. and the poor section of society for skills training and attract them to TTCs /IMTs.	Received skills training.	Continuous	In-progress
14	Develop Public-Private Partnership for skills development and searching demand-driven courses for the overseas market like Hongkong	Ensure Public- Private Partnership.	Strengthened skills development and introduction of demand-driven courses at TTCs & IMTs.	Continuous	In-progress
15	Combat the challenges of the 4th Industrial Revolution	Taken especial programme to foresee which occupation will be destructed and emerged out due to the 4IR.	Provided the emerged occupation-related skills training at TTCs & IMTs.	Continuous	In-progress
16	Certification of IMTs by ISO and other international organizations	Establish coordination & linkage with ISO and other international organizations.	Provided Certificate by ISO and other international organizations.	Continuous	In-progress
17	Launched Skills training for Marine Engineers in the IMTs of receiving Certificate of Competency (COC) and Continuous Discharge Certificate (CDC)	Introducing new skills training & updating curriculum for Marine Engineers in the IMTs.	Provided Certificate of Competency (COC) and Continuous Discharge Certificate (CDC).	Continuous	In-progress
18	Develop Online skills recognition tools like NSP or Europas	Programme taken for Online skills recognition tools align with NSP, Europas, etc.	Provided online skills recognition.	Continuous	In-progress
19	Develop and launch electronic RPL infrastructure like the e-Portfolio Assessment of the Philippines	The programme was taken for the development and launch of electronic RPL infrastructure.	Provided electronic RPL.	Continuous	In-progress
20	Develop and launch an online language learning platform	Established an online language learning platform	Provided online language learning training.	Continuous	In-progress
21	Initiative to sign Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) with the overseas market	Continuous Liaison with the overseas market to sign MRA.	Signed MRA.	Continuous	In-progress

22	Strengthen reintegration programme for the returnee migrants	Economic and Social reintegration programmes for returnee migrants.	Provided training, certification, and financing for the reintegration of the returnee migrants.	Continuous	In-progress

2.20. Local Government Division

The Local Government Division (LGD) plays a crucial role in the implementation of social protection programs in Bangladesh. It serves both as a direct implementor of several programs, such as vulnerable group development and food-for-work initiatives, and as a vital supporting body for beneficiary selection in others, leveraging its extensive local network. This deep understanding of local communities makes the LGD uniquely positioned to identify and target those most in need of assistance, ensuring that social protection programs reach the most vulnerable populations effectively and efficiently. Consequently, the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan recognizes the LGD's critical function and incorporates relevant actions to strengthen its capacity and enhance its contribution to social protection efforts.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Consolidation of workfare programmes	Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief	Review report sent to Cabinet Division.	July, 2022	In-progress
2	Support measures to tackle the challenge of Urban Social Security	Conduct a study on the need for social security in urban areas	Study report sent to Cabinet Division.	December, 2022	In-progress
3	Scale-up SWAPNO Project	Introduce the project in 200 Upazilas	Number of Upazilas of SWAPNO project extended.		In-progress
4	Provide assistance in targeting	Support publishing beneficiary lists for all programmes	Lists displayed in UP.	Continuous	In-progress
5	Provide operational support for GRS	Instruct the UDCs to receive grievances and forward them to the UNO office	The UDCs sensitized.	March, 2023	In-progress
		Maintain a register for grievances received and forwarded	Registers maintained.	March 2021 onward	In-progress
6	Support establishment of M&E framework	Provide relevant data on social security programmes regularly	Data received regularly.	Continuous	In-progress
7	Consolidate Smaller Programmes	Prepare a list of programmes to be continued	List sent to Cabinet Division.	July, 2021	In-progress
		Make a list of programmes to be scaled up	List sent to Cabinet Division.	July, 2021	In-progress

		Make a list of programmes to be phased out	List sent to Cabinet Division.	July, 2021	In-progress
		Review the consolidation proposals	Review prepared.	December, 2023	In-progress
8	Improve targeting of beneficiaries	Update manual for selection procedures and disseminate it to people	Circular issued	December, 2023	In-progress
		Publish a list of beneficiaries online to make it transparent	Instruction given to field offices	Continuous	In-progress
		Follow the BBS database when prepared	Instruction given	January, 2018	In-progress
9	Grievance Redress System	Make arrangements for recording complaints at field level	Instruction issued	Continuous	In-progress
		Create public awareness about the facility of central GRS of Cabinet Division	Public meetings held in all Upazilas	July, 2022	In-progress
10	Develop Single Registry MIS	Create onlinebased MIS for all programmes	MIS digitized for all programmes	January, 2024	In-progress
		Make the MIS accessible by relevant departments	Inter-Departmental arrangement established	July, 2024	In-progress
		Link MIS with cash disbursement	MIS linked with financial management database of Finance Division (SPBMU MIS)	December, 2024	In-progress
11	Digitization of cash transfer	Pilot different modalities of G2P	Pilot completed	December, 2017	In-progress
		Roll out an appropriate format of G2P	G2P rolled out for all programmes	December, 2025	In-progress
12	Enhance results-based M&E	Digitize monitoring of programmes	Dashboard established	July, 2025	In-progress
		Conduct mid-term and end-term evaluation of programmes	Programmes evaluated regularly	Continuous	In-progress
		CODI and Third-Party Evaluation of top/ largest social security programmes	Programmes evaluated regularly	Continuous	In-progress

2.21. Ministry of Chattogram Hill Tracts

Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs plays a particularly vital role in reaching vulnerable populations in the hill tracts regions. This Ministry possesses specialized knowledge and a dedicated focus on the unique needs and challenges faced by small ethnic groups in these areas. By designing and implementing culturally sensitive programs, the Ministry ensures that social protection initiatives are accessible and effective for these often marginalized communities.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Strengthen food security programmes in CHT	Increase coverage	Increase of programmes by 5 per cent annually	Continuous	In-progress
		Gradually shift to cash transfer programmes	A plan for shifting prepared	January, 2022	In-progress
			The plan implemented	July, 2023	
2	Consolidate Smaller Programmes	Prepare a list of programmes to be continued	List sent to Cabinet Division.	July, 2021	In-progress
		Make a list of programmes to be scaled up	List sent to Cabinet Division.	December, 2021	In-progress
		Make a list of programmes to be phased out	List sent to Cabinet Division.	July, 2021	In-progress
		Review the consolidation proposals	Review prepared.	December, 2022	In-progress
3	Improve targeting of beneficiaries	Update manual for selection procedures and disseminate it to people	Circular issued	December, 2021	In-progress
		Publish a list of beneficiaries online to make it transparent	Instruction given to field offices	Continuous	In-progress
		Follow the BBS database when prepared	Instruction given	January, 2023	In-progress
4	Grievance Redress System	Arrange for recording complaints at field level	Instruction issued	Continuous	In-progress
		Create public awareness about the facility of central GRS of Cabinet Division	Public meetings held in all Upazilas	July, 2023	In-progress

		Create onlinebased MIS for all programmes	MIS digitized for all programmes	December, 2022	In-progress
5	Develop Single Registry MIS	Make the MIS accessible by relevant departments	Inter-Departmental arrangement established	July, 2024	In-progress
		Link MIS with cash disbursement	MIS linked with financial management database of Finance Division (SPBMU MIS)	December, 2024	In-progress
6	Digitization of cash transfer	Pilot different modalities of G2P	Pilot completed	December, 2025	In-progress
		Roll out an appropriate format of G2P	G2P rolled out for all programmes	December, 2025	In-progress
7	Enhance results-based M&E	Digitize monitoring of programmes	Dashboard established	July, 2025	In-progress
		Conduct midterm and endterm monitoring/ evaluation of programmes	Programmes evaluated regular	Continuous	In-progress
		CODI and Third- Party Evaluation of top/largest social security programmes	Programmes evaluated regularly	Continuous	In-progress

2.22. Rural Development & Cooperatives Division

Rural Development and Cooperatives Division (RDCD) plays a significant role in extending these efforts, particularly in rural areas. The RDCD implements a range of programs focused on rural development and poverty alleviation, with a strong emphasis on promoting self-reliance and community empowerment. These programs often include components of social protection, such as skills training, microcredit initiatives, and support for cooperative enterprises. By fostering economic opportunities and strengthening social safety nets in rural communities, the RDCD contributes significantly to the overall effectiveness of social protection in Bangladesh.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Scale-up 'My House - My Farm' programme	Increase coverage of the programme by 15 per cent every year	Coverage increased	Continuous	In-progress
2	Consolidate Smaller Programmes	Prepare a list of programmes to be continued	List sent to Cabinet Division	July, 2021	In-progress
		Make a list of programmes to be scaled up	List sent to Cabinet Division	July, 2021	In-progress
		Make a list of programmes to be phased out	List sent to Cabinet Division	July, 2021	In-progress
		Review the consolidation proposals	Review prepared	December, 2021	In-progress
3	Improve targeting of beneficiaries	Update manual for selection procedures and disseminate it to people	Circular issued	December, 2021	In-progress
		Publish a list of beneficiaries online to make it transparent	Instruction given to field offices	Continuous	In-progress
		Follow the BBS database when prepared	Instruction given	January, 2024	In-progress
4	Grievance Redress System	Make arrangements for recording complaints at field level	Instruction issued	Continuous	In-progress

		Create public awareness about the facility of central GRS of Cabinet Division	Public meetings held in all Upazilas	July, 2024	In-progress
5	Develop Single Registry MIS	Create onlinebased MIS for all programmes	MIS digitized for all programmes	January, 2023	In-progress
		Make the MIS accessible by relevant departments	Inter- Departmental arrangement established	July, 2023	In-progress
		Link MIS with cash disbursement	MIS linked with financial management database of Finance Division (SPBMU MIS)	December, 2023	In-progress
6	Digitization of cash transfer	Pilot different modalities of G2P	Pilot completed	December, 2024	In-progress
		Roll out an appropriate format of G2P	G2P rolled out for all programmes	December, 2024	In-progress
7	Enhance Results-Based M&E	Digitize monitoring of programmes	Dashboard established	July, 2025	In-progress
		Conduct midterm and endterm evaluation of programmes	Programmes evaluated regularly	Continuous	In-progress
		CODI and Third- Party Evaluation of top/largest social security programmes	Programmes evaluated regularly	Continuous	In-progress

2.23. Ministry of Youth and Sports

The Ministry of Youth and Sports plays a vital role in social protection by investing in the potential of young people and promoting their active participation in society. Through sports programs, skills development initiatives, and youth engagement platforms, the Ministry empowers young people to overcome challenges, develop their talents, and contribute to their communities. By providing opportunities for personal growth, social inclusion, and economic empowerment, the Ministry helps to build a more resilient and productive youth population, which is essential for sustainable development and social progress. The NSSS Action Plan recognizes the Ministry's contribution to social protection by including actions to strengthen youth-focused programs and ensure their alignment with the broader social security framework.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Skill development programme for young men and women		Training of young men increased	Continuous	
		Increase training programmes for youth	Training of young women increased	Continuous	In-progress
2	Consolidate Smaller Programmes	Prepare a list of programmes to be continued	List sent to Cabinet Division	July, 2021	In-progress
		Make a list of programmes to be scaled up	List sent to Cabinet Division	July, 2021	In-progress
		Make a list of programmes to be phased out	List sent to Cabinet Division	July, 2021	In-progress
		Review the consolidation proposals	Review prepared	December, 2022	In-progress
3	Improve targeting of beneficiaries	Update manual for selection procedures and disseminate it to people	Circular issued	December, 2021	In-progress
		Publish a list of beneficiaries online to make it transparent	Instruction given to field offices	Continuous	In-progress
		Follow the BBS database when prepared	Instruction given	January, 2023	In-progress

		Make arrangements for recording complaints at field level	Instruction issued	Continuous	In-progress
4	Grievance Redress System	Create public awareness about the facility of central GRS of Cabinet Division	Public meetings held in all Upazilas	July, 2022	In-progress
5	Develop Single Registry MIS	Create onlinebased MIS for all programmes	MIS digitized for all programmes	January, 2023	In-progress
		Make the MIS accessible by relevant departments	Inter- Departmental arrangement established	July, 2023	In-progress
		Link MIS with cash disbursement	MIS linked with financial management database of Finance Division (SPBMU MIS)	December, 2024	In-progress
6	Digitization of cash transfer	Pilot different modalities of G2P	Pilot completed	December, 2024	In-progress
		Roll out an appropriate format of G2P	G2P rolled out for all programmes	December, 2025	In-progress
7	Enhance results-based M&E	Digitize monitoring of programmes	Dashboard established	July, 2025	In-progress
		Conduct mid-term and end-term	Programmes Evaluated	Continuous	In-progress
8	Grievance Redress System	Make arrangements for recording complaints at field level	Instruction issued	Continuous	In-progress
		Create public awareness about the facility of central GRS of Cabinet Division	Public meetings held in all Upazilas	July, 2022	In-progress
9	Develop Single Registry MIS	Create onlinebased MIS for all programmes	MIS digitized for all programmes	January, 2023	In-progress
		Make the MIS accessible by relevant departments	Inter- Departmental arrangement established	July, 2023	In-progress
		Link MIS with cash disbursement	MIS linked with financial management database of Finance Division (SPBMU MIS)	December, 2024	In-progress
10	Digitization of cash transfer	Pilot different modalities of G2P	Pilot completed	December, 2024	In-progress
		Roll out an appropriate format of G2P	G2P rolled out for all programmes	December, 2025	In-progress

11	Enhance Results-Based M&E	Digitize monitoring of programmes	Dashboard established	July, 2025	In-progress
		Conduct mid- term and end-term evaluation of programmes	Programmes evaluated regularly	Continuous	In-progress
		CODI and Third-Party Evaluation of top/ largest social security programmes	Programmes evaluated regularly	Continuous	In-progress

2.24. Ministry of Housing and Public Works

The Ministry of Housing and Public Works contributes to social protection by ensuring access to safe and affordable housing, a fundamental human need and a key determinant of well-being. Through initiatives such as public housing projects, housing finance schemes, and building code regulations, the Ministry strives to improve living conditions and create a more secure and stable environment for vulnerable populations. By addressing housing insecurity and promoting sustainable housing solutions, the Ministry plays a crucial role in enhancing social protection and reducing vulnerability to poverty and social exclusion. The NSSS Action Plan acknowledges the importance of housing in social protection by including actions to strengthen the Ministry's capacity to provide affordable housing options and improve housing conditions for low-income families.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Provide supports to other ministries in housing programmes for the poor	Provide cooperation and technical supports in housing	Cooperation given	Continuous	In-progress
		Land tenure security through the transfer of public land to the urban poor	Ensure land tenure security of 316 households	July 17 – December 22	In-progress
		Development of Tertiary Infrastructure (Land Development, Drainage system, Sewerage System, Water Supply System, Road, Street lights, etc.) in urban poor communities	Improved urban infrastructure in 17 Communities Directly benefited 5700 households	August 17 – December 22	In-progress
		Improve primary and secondary (New Urban Road, Improvement of drain, Water Supply Network) connections for low-income settlements	Indirect beneficiary 85,000 people	August 17 – December 22	In-progress
		Provide housing to squatters/ urban poor: Construction of Flats for squatters/ urban poor on rental basis	1000-unit Flats for squatters/ urban poor on rental basis	January 23 – December 26	In-progress

		Low-income settlements improvement through basic infrastructure development: Improve urban infrastructure in poor Communities in different towns/ cities	Infrastructure development of 50 communities in different towns/ cities	January 23 – December 26	In-progress
		Section of communities in towns/ cities for future development: Land Bank for housing of poor community in towns/ cities	500-acre land banking in 5 cities	January 23 – December 26	In-progress
		Locational space for Low-income housing for urban as well as rural people would be finalized under Preparation of Payra-Kuakata Comprehensive Development Plan focusing on ECO-Tourism"	N/A	2022-2023	In-progress
		Locational space for Low-income housing for urban as well as rural people would be finalized under Preparation of Comprehensive Development Plan for Nine Upazilas"	N/A	2023-2024	In-progress
		To provide technical support in designing and planning housing facilities for the poor and homeless	N/A	2021-2026	In-progress
2	Grievance Redress System	Make arrangements for recording complaints at field level	Instruction issued	Continuous	In-progress
		Sensitize beneficiaries to use Central GRS of Cabinet Division	Central GRS mentioned in Communication materials	June 2022 onward	In-progress
3	Develop Single Registry MIS	Create standard Programme MIS using NIDs as a primary key	NID incorporated in Programme MISs	June, 2022	In-progress
		Make the MIS interoperable by relevant departments	Inter-operability established in MISs	June, 2023	In-progress
4	Digitization of cash transfer	Digitize payment of cash benefits of the programmes	Cash disbursement digitized	June, 2022	In-progress

			MIS linked with financial management database of Finance Division (SPBMU MIS)		
		Link MIS with cash disbursement		December, 2023	In-progress
5	Enhance results-based M&E	Digitize monitoring of programme implementation	Progress monitoring digitized	December, 2023	In-progress
		Conduct evaluation of programmes by internal teams/ IMED/ third party	Impact evaluation of Programmes conducted	June, 2024	In-progress

2.25. Ministry of Land

The Ministry of Land plays a critical role in social protection by addressing landlessness, a major contributor to poverty and vulnerability in Bangladesh. The Ministry is involved in providing various services to landless and marginalized communities, including land surveying, record-keeping, and distribution of khas land (government-owned land). Crucially, the Ministry is actively involved in scaling up housing programs for landless people, providing them with secure land tenure and access to safe and affordable shelter. These initiatives not only improve living conditions but also empower landless families by providing them with a valuable asset and a foundation for economic stability. The NSSS Action Plan recognizes this contribution by including actions to further strengthen the Ministry's capacity to address landlessness and expand housing programs for the most vulnerable populations.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Scale-up housing programmes for landless people	Increase coverage of the programmes	Coverage increased	Continuous	In-progress
2	Consolidate Smaller Programmes	Prepare a list of small programmes	List sent to Cabinet Division	December, 2022	In-progress
		Identify the small programmes to be scaled up or phased out	List sent to Cabinet Division	June, 2023	In-progress
3	Improve targeting of beneficiaries	Update manual for selection procedures and disseminate it to people	Circular updated	December, 2017	In-progress
		Publish a list of beneficiaries online (where applicable)	Instruction given to responsible officials	June, 2022	In-progress
		Follow poverty database of BBS database when available	Instruction given	June, 2022	In-progress
4	Grievance Redress System	Arrange for recording complaints at field level	Instruction issued	Continuous	In-progress
		Sensitize beneficiaries to use Central GRS of Cabinet Division	Central GRS mentioned in Communication materials	June 2022 onward	In-progress
5	Develop Single	Create standard Programme MIS using NIDs as a primary key	NID incorporated in Programme MISs	June, 2022	In-progress

	Registry MIS	Make the MIS interoperable by relevant departments	Interoperability established in MISs	June, 2023	In-progress
6	Digitization of cash transfer	Digitize payment of cash benefits of the programmes	Cash disbursement digitized	June, 2022	In-progress
		Link MIS with cash disbursement	MIS linked with financial management database of Finance Division (SPBMU MIS)	December, 2023	In-progress
7	Enhance resultsbased M&E	Digitize monitoring of programme implementation	Progress monitoring digitized	December, 2023	In-progress
		Conduct evaluation of programmes by internal teams/IMED/ third party	Impact evaluation of Programmes conducted	June, 2024	In-progress
		Use CODI for assessing programmes	CODI framework used for assessing programmes	June 2022 June 2025 (Twice for each major programme)	In-progress

2.26. General Economics Division (GED)

While the General Economics Division (GED) may not have direct programs for social protection, its role is crucial in the planning, research, and overall effectiveness of social protection initiatives in Bangladesh. The GED provides essential economic analysis and policy recommendations that inform the design and implementation of social protection programs across various ministries. Its research on poverty, inequality, and macroeconomic trends helps to identify vulnerabilities and prioritize interventions. Furthermore, the GED plays a critical cross-cutting role by coordinating with other ministries, particularly the Cabinet Division, to ensure that social protection strategies are aligned with national development goals and macroeconomic policies. This collaborative approach strengthens the overall impact and sustainability of social protection efforts in Bangladesh. The NSSS Action Plan recognizes the GED's contributions by emphasizing the importance of evidence-based policymaking and inter-ministerial coordination in achieving social protection objectives.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Resultsbased M&E framework for social security	Review the existing M&E System of social security	Report prepared on prevailing M&E system	June, 2022	In-progress
		Formulate and propose a suitable framework	An improved M&E framework submitted	June, 2023	In-progress
		Suggest technical details regarding the modalities of linking the M&E with single registry MIS	Technical Guidelines for linking M&E and MIS proposed	June, 2024	In-progress
2	Design a Structure of Integrated Single Registry MIS	Conduct a national dialogue on single registry MIS under NSSS M&E Committee	Dialogue/consultation held	June, 2022	In-progress
		Based on conducted study, prepare a master plan of Single Registry MIS in coordination with the Cabinet Division	A master plan prepared	December, 2022	In-progress
3	Consolidation of Small and Special Programmes	Collate consolidation proposals of ministries	Proposals compiled	December, 2022	In-progress
		Review the proposals and make recommendations of consolidation to CMC	Review report prepared	June, 2023	In-progress
4	Rationalize the selection procedures	Review the selection manuals/guidelines of line ministries	Selection manuals and overall system reviewed	June, 2022	In-progress
		Prepare a report with a recommendation for improving the targeting of beneficiaries	Commendation report submitted to Cabinet Division	June, 2023	In-progress

5	Review the consistency of national policies with NSSS	Monitor the consistency of social security policies with the NSSS	Relevant programme documents reviewed	June, 2022	In-progress
		Sensitize all ministries to make their major policies coherent with the NSSS with the support of the Cabinet Division	Office memorandum issued	June, 2023	In-progress
		Policy review report(s) available to CMC	A study report is published	December, 2023	In-progress

2.27. Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED)

The Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED) plays a crucial role in strengthening social protection by monitoring and evaluating program effectiveness across ministries. IMED tracks progress, identifies challenges, and assesses outcomes to inform policy adjustments and program improvements. This ensures that social protection interventions achieve their goals and resources are used effectively. Collaboration with other ministries fosters a culture of learning and accountability, contributing to the overall efficiency and sustainability of social protection efforts.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	To support the attainment of socioeconomic development of the country through effective monitoring and evaluation of the development projects.	To monitor implementation activities of the ongoing projects and report to CMC (Central Management committee) of Cabinet Division	1)Component wise physical and financial progress of the projects 2) Annual procurement plan 3) Annual work plan 4) Overall progress of the projects 5) Physical Observation (if applicable)	Year - No. of Projects2021-22 - 10 2022-23 - 10 2023-	In-progress
		To evaluate impacts of the development projects/ programmes and report to CMC of Cabinet Division	1) Achieved component wise physical and financial progress 2) Completed annual procurement plan by fiscal year 3) Completed annual work plan 4) Audit report reviewed 5) Achieved the objectives of the projects	As per Project Completion Report (PCR)	In-progress

2.28. Statistics and Informatics Division (SID)

The Statistics and Informatics Division (SID), while lacking direct social protection programs, plays a crucial role in supporting the development and implementation of a single registry (MIS) for beneficiaries. By utilizing its expertise in data analysis and statistical modeling, SID helps to identify and target vulnerable populations through proxy means testing. This involves using readily available data, such as household characteristics and asset ownership, to estimate income and poverty levels, enabling efficient and effective identification of those most in need of social protection. SID's contribution is essential for ensuring that social protection programs are well-targeted and reach the most vulnerable segments of the population, ultimately contributing to a more equitable and inclusive social protection system in Bangladesh. The NSSS Action Plan highlights the importance of SID's role in strengthening the targeting mechanism for social protection programs and improving data-driven decision-making.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Create the Bangladesh Household Database	Create the database with Geographic Information System (GIS) and socioeconomic condition of people	Database created	December, 2022	In-progress
2	Single Registry MIS	Coordinate with GED to conduct a study on an ideal framework of single registry MIS	Study completed	July, 2022	In-progress
		Run a pilot of Single Registry MIS at SID	Pilot MIS run	December, 2022	In-progress
		Publish a list of beneficiaries online to make it transparent	Instruction given to field offices	Continuous	In-progress
		Follow the NHD database when prepared	Instruction given	February, 2023	In-progress
		Make the MIS accessible by relevant departments	Inter-Departmental arrangement established	July, 2023	In-progress
		Link MIS with cash disbursement	MIS linked with financial management database of Finance Division (SPBMU MIS)	December, 2023	In-progress
		Conduct midterm evaluation of programmes	Programmes evaluated regularly	Continuous	In-progress

2.29. Planning Division

Although the Planning Division has minimal direct involvement in social protection programs, it plays a critical role in shaping the overall policy landscape. The Planning Division supports the strengthening of social security policy and strategies by providing valuable input and technical expertise. It actively participates in dialogues with key stakeholders, such as the General Economics Division (GED) and the Cabinet Division, to review and refine social security policies, ensuring alignment with national development goals and priorities. This collaborative approach facilitates effective planning and coordination across sectors, contributing to a comprehensive and cohesive social protection framework in Bangladesh. The NSSS Action Plan acknowledges the Planning Division's role in guiding the strategic direction of social protection efforts and fostering inter-ministerial collaboration for effective implementation.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Support in strengthening social securty policy and strategies	Participate in dialogues with GED and Cabinet Division in revieing social security policies.	Participation in dialogues on social security ensured	Continuous	In-progress
2	Consolidate Smaller Programmes	Prepare a list of small programmes	List sent to Cabinet Division	December, 2022	In-progress
		Identify the small programmes to be scaled up or phased out	List sent to Cabinet Division	June, 2023	In-progress
3	Improve targeting of beneficiaries	Update manual for selection procedures and disseminate it to people	Circular updated	December, 2021	In-progress
		Publish a list of beneficiaries online (where applicable)	Instruction given to responsible officials	June, 2022	In-progress
		Follow poverty database of BBS database when available	Instruction given	June, 2022	In-progress
4	Grievance Redress System	Arrange for recording complaints at field level	Instruction issued	Continuous	In-progress
		Sensitize beneficiaries to use Central GRS of Cabinet Division	Central GRS mentioned in Communication materials	June 2022 onward	In-progress
5	Develop Single Registry MIS	Create standard Programme MIS using NIDs as a primary key	NID incorporated in Programme MISs	June, 2022	In-progress

		Make the MIS interoperable by relevant departments	Interoperability established in MISs	June, 2023	In-progress
6	Digitization of cash transfer	Digitize payment of cash benefits of the programmes	Cash disbursement digitized	June, 2022	In-progress
		Link MIS with cash disbursement	MIS linked with financial management data-base of Finance Division (SPBMU MIS)	December, 2023	In-progress
7	Enhance results-based M&E	Digitize monitoring of programme implementation	Progress monitoring digitized	December, 2023	In-progress
		Conduct evaluation of programmes by internal teams/IMED/ third party	Impact evaluation of Programmes conducted	June, 2024	In-progress

2.30. Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Division

The ICT Division contributes to social protection efforts by empowering youth through technology. Its ITES Skill Development Programme provides young men and women with valuable training in information technology and related services. By equipping youth with in-demand skills, the program enhances their employability and economic prospects, reducing their vulnerability to poverty and social exclusion. This focus on youth development aligns with the broader social protection agenda of investing in human capital and promoting inclusive growth. The NSSS Action Plan likely recognizes the ICT Division's role in empowering youth and facilitating their participation in the digital economy.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	ICT/ Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES) Skill Development Programme for Youth (young men /women)	Increasing Training Programmes for Youth (young men/ women)	Training Programmes for Youth (young men) increased.	Continuous	In-progress
			Training Programmes for Youth (young women) increased.	Continuous	
		Prepare a list of programmes to be continued	List sent to Cabinet Division / GED	2023	In-progress
		Make a List of Programmes to be scaled up	List sent to Cabinet Division / GED	2023	In-progress
		Make a list of programmes to be phased out	List sent to Cabinet Division / GED	2023	In-progress
2	Improve Targeting beneficiaries	Update manual for selection procedures and disseminate it to people.	Circular issued	2023	In-progress
		Publish a list of beneficiaries online to make it transparent	Instruction given to the field level/ offices	Continuous	In-progress
		Follow the BBS database when prepared	Instruction given	Continuous	In-progress
3	ICT/ITES Skill Development Programmes for Marginalized People (e.g., Enclave)	Increasing Training Programmes for Marginalized People (e.g., Enclave)	Training Programmes for Marginalized People (e.g., Enclave) Increased.	2023	In-progress

4	ICT/ITES Skill Development Programmes and Employment for people with disabilities	Increasing Training Programmes for people with disabilities	Training Programmes for people with disabilities increased	Continuous	In-progress
		Arranging annual 'Job Fair' for people with disabilities.	Employment of people with disabilities increased	Continuous	In-progress
5	IT/ITES Skill Development Training in Incubation Centres	Increasing IT/ ITEStraining programmes in Incubation Centres	Increased IT/ ITEStraining programmes in Incubation Centres	Continuous	In-progress
6	Human Development through awareness training on Digital Security	Increasing awareness training programmes on Digital Security	Increased awareness training programmes on Digital Security	Continuous	In-progress
7	Strengthen Support (Funding) for StartUps for the Youth	Increasing the number of StartUps	Number of StartUps. Increased	Continuous	In-progress
8	Strengthen Support (Funding) (Fellowship, PhD program, Master's program) for Higher Education, Innovation and Special Grant for Youth	An increasing number of the beneficiaries	The number of beneficiaries increased	Continuous	In-progress
9	Maintain Centrally Managed Repository and Data Sharing in a bid for avoiding duplicity	DoICT under the ICTD has made the CAMS system with its resources. The scalability of this system is going to expand for providing social protection and social welfare services.	Repository pre-pared through CAMS and Data Sharing performed	Continuous and intermittent	In-progress
10	Grievance Redress System	Provide supports in maintaining the Central GRS system of Cabinet Division	The system sustained	Continuous	In-progress

		Support in maintaining the hot line for registering public complaints	The hotline maintained	Continuous	In-progress
11	Develop Single Registry MIS	Sustain and update connectivity of BNDA service bus to include databases of BEC, BTRC, MRP, ePassport, Driving License, Person with Disability etc.	The database is updated regularly by the owner of the database. Update and regular upgrade of BNDA service bus to meet increased demand.	Continuous	In-progress
		Make the NID database accessible by relevant Ministries	The data accessible by ministries with authorization from BEC	Continuous	In-progress
12	Digitization of cash transfer	Maintain and improve infrastructural facilities for facilitating digital cash transfer	The facility sustained	Continuous	In-progress
13	Enhance results-based M&E	Continue providing infrastructural facilities in using an online-based M&E system	Infrastructural facilities supporting NSSS maintained by operat-ing agencies	Continuous	In-progress

2.31. Posts and Telecommunications Division

The Posts and Telecommunications Division plays a crucial supporting role in social protection by facilitating digital connectivity and enabling efficient digital cash transfers. By expanding access to telecommunications infrastructure and services, the division helps to bridge the digital divide and ensure that vulnerable populations can participate in and benefit from digital social protection programs. This includes facilitating mobile banking, online payment platforms, and other digital tools that enable secure and timely delivery of social assistance. The division's efforts contribute to a more inclusive and effective social protection system by leveraging technology to reach those most in need. The NSSS Action Plan likely acknowledges the importance of digital infrastructure and services in modernizing social protection delivery and expanding financial inclusion.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Support in Developing Single Registry MIS	Maintain and expanddigital connectivity for thesmooth operation of MIS	Connectivitymaintained	Continuous	In-progress
2	Digitization of Cash Transfer	Enhance the postal cashcard service	Postal cashcard serviceexpanded	Continuous	In-progress

2.32. Ministry of Water Resources

The Ministry of Water Resources plays a vital role in social protection by focusing on the unique needs and vulnerabilities of people residing in haor areas. Recognizing the distinct challenges faced by these communities, the Ministry is committed to conducting a comprehensive needs assessment study to understand the specific social protection requirements of haor inhabitants. The NSSS Action Plan likely acknowledges the Ministry's crucial role in providing social protection to geographically vulnerable populations and emphasizes the importance of context-specific interventions.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

1	Livelihood development for the people of haor areas	Conduct needs assessment study of social protection for the people of haor land	Study conducted	June, 2023	In-progress
		Scale the programme according to the finding of the study	Programme scaled up	July, 1905	In-progress
2	Consolidate Smaller Programmes	Prepare a list of programmes to be continued	List to Cabinet Division	July, 2022	In-progress
		Make a list of programmes to be scaled up	List to Cabinet Division	July, 2022	In-progress
		Make a list of programmes to be phased out	List to Cabinet Division	July, 2022	In-progress
		Review the consolidation proposals	Review prepared	December, 2023	In-progress
3	Improve targeting of beneficiaries	Update manual for selection procedures and disseminate it to people	Circular issued	January, 2023	In-progress
		Publish a list of beneficiaries online to make it transparent	Instruction given to field offices	Continuous	In-progress
		Follow the BBS database when prepared	Instruction given	February, 2023	In-progress
4	Grievance Redress System	Arrange for recording complaints at field level	Instruction issued	Continuous	In-progress
		Create public awareness about the facility of central GRS of Cabinet Division	Public Meetings held in all Upazilas	September, 2024	In-progress
5	Develop Single Registry MIS	Create online Based MIS for all programmes	MIS digitized for all programmes	March, 2023	In-progress
		Make the MIS accessible by relevant departments	Inter-Departmental arrangement established	July, 2023	In-progress

			MIS linked with financial management database of Finance		
		Link MIS with cash disbursement	Division (SPBMU MIS)	December, 2023	In-progress
6	Digitization of cash transfer	Pilot different modalities of G2P	Pilot completed	December, 2023	In-progress
		Roll out an appropriate format of G2P	G2P rolled out for all programmes	December, 2025	In-progress
7	Enhance results-based M&E	Digitize monitoring of programmes	Dashboard established	July, 2022	In-progress
		Conduct midterm evaluation of programmes	Programmes evaluated regularly	Continuous	In-progress

2.33. Ministry of Cultural Affairs

The Ministry of Cultural Affairs contributes to social protection by promoting social inclusion and empowerment of marginalized cultural activists. By recognizing and valuing the diverse cultural expressions within Bangladesh, the Ministry helps to create a more inclusive society where everyone feels a sense of belonging and has the opportunity to participate in cultural life. Through initiatives that support marginalized cultural activists, the Ministry helps to preserve cultural heritage, promote artistic expression, and empower individuals and communities. The NSSS Action Plan likely acknowledges the Ministry's role in promoting cultural diversity and inclusion as a key component of social protection.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Social Inclusion and Empowerment of marginalized cultural activists through cultural activities	Increase programmes and activities promoting social empowerment and inclusiveness	Programmes for marginalized cultural activists increased	Continuous	In-progress
		Maintain rigorous criteria for eliminating cultural programmes with potential risks of socially excluding any groups, such as tea garden workers, backward people, water gipsies, HIV affected people, street artists, jamdani artists, Jatra artists, small groups of inherited craftsmanship and drug addicts, etc.	Sensitization workshops and meetings organized	Continuous	In-progress
		Capacity building of nonwell- off students for practising cultural activities	Increased budget coverage and number of cultural institutions	Continuous	In-progress
		Capacity building of private libraries to enrich the knowledge of the underprivileged readers	Increased budget coverage and number of libraries	Continuous	In-progress
2	Highlight national glory and achievement in social security	Sensitize the cultural activists for incorporating social security themes in their works	Sensitization workshops and meetings organized	Continuous	In-progress

3	Social allowance for insolvent cultural activists	Scale-up cash transfer programmes for insolvent cultural personalities	Programme scaled up	July, 2023	In-progress
4	Consolidate Smaller Programmes	Prepare a list of programmes to be continued	At present, the ministry has only four social security programmes. The ministry does not have any opportunity to consider the issue.	N/A	In-progress
		Make a list of programmes to be scaled up	At present, the ministry has only four social security programmes. The ministry does not have any opportunity to consider the issue.	N/A	In-progress
		Make a list of programmes to be phased out	At present, the ministry has only four social security programmes. The ministry does not have any opportunity to consider the issue.	N/A	In-progress
		Review the consolidation proposals	At present, the ministry has only four social security programmes. The ministry does not have any opportunity to consider the issue.	N/A	In-progress
5	Improve targeting of beneficiaries	Update manual for selection procedures and disseminate it to people	Circular issued	January, 2023	In-progress
		Publish a list of beneficiaries online to make it transparent	Instruction given to field offices	Continuous	In-progress
		Follow the BBS database when prepared	Instruction given	February, 2023	In-progress
6	Grievance Redress System	Arrange for recording complaints at field level	Instruction issued	Continuous	In-progress
		Create public awareness about the facility of central GRS of Cabinet Division	Public Meetings held in all Upazilas	September, 2024	In-progress

7	Develop Single Registry MIS	Create online Based MIS for all programmes	MIS digitized for all programmes	March, 2025	In-progress
		Make the MIS accessible by relevant departments	Inter departmental arrangement established	July, 2023	In-progress
		Link MIS with cash disbursement	MIS linked with financial management database of Finance Division (SPBMU MIS)	December, 2023	In-progress
8	Digitization of cash transfer	Pilot different modalities of G2P	Pilot completed	December, 2024	In-progress
		Roll out an appropriate format of G2P	G2P rolled out for all programmes	December, 2025	In-progress
9	Enhance results-based M&E	Digitize monitoring of programmes	Dashboard established	July, 2025	In-progress
		Conduct mid-term evaluation of programmes	Programmes evaluated regularly	Continuous	In-progress
		Top 5 programmes evaluated by CODI format	Programmes evaluated regularly	Continuous	In-progress

2.34. Ministry of Industries

The Ministry of Industry contributes to social protection by fostering skills development and entrepreneurship, particularly among young people and marginalized groups. Through initiatives like the extension of the Bangladesh Industrial Technical Assistance Centre (BITAC) and targeted training programs, the Ministry equips individuals with valuable skills for self-employment and economic empowerment. By promoting hands-on technical training and supporting entrepreneurs in the small, medium, and cottage industries, the Ministry helps to create opportunities for income generation and poverty alleviation. This focus on skill development and entrepreneurship aligns with the broader social protection goal of promoting economic inclusion and reducing vulnerability. The NSSS Action Plan likely recognizes the Ministry's role in fostering human capital development and creating pathways to sustainable livelihoods.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Skill development training programme for young men and women	Extension of BITAC for Self- Employment and Poverty Alleviation through handson technical training highlighting women project (Phase-2).	Training programmes for youth and women increased	1st October 2020 to 30 October 2025	In-progress
		Provide skill development training for entrepreneurs of the medium, small, micro, cottage industries and socially marginalized people.	Training programmes for youth and women increased	Continuous	In-progress
2	Consolidate Smaller Programmes	Prepare a list of programmes to be continued	List sent to Cabinet Division	July, 2022	In-progress
		Make a list of programmes to be scaled up	List sent to Cabinet Division	July, 2022	In-progress
		Make a list of programmes to be phased out	List sent to Cabinet Division	July, 2022	In-progress
		Review the consolidation proposals	Review prepared	December, 2023	In-progress
3	Improve targeting of beneficiaries	Update manual for selection procedures and disseminate it to people	Circular issued	January, 2023	In-progress

		Publish a list of beneficiaries online to make it transparent	Instruction given to field offices	Continuous	In-progress
		Follow the BBS database when prepared	Instruction given	February, 2023	In-progress
4	Grievance Redress System	Arrange for recording complaints at field level	Instruction issued	Continuous	In-progress
		Create public awareness about the facility of central GRS of Cabinet Division	Public Meetings held in all Upazilas	September, 2024	In-progress
5	Develop Single Registry MIS	Create online Based MIS for all programmes	MIS digitized for all programmes	March, 2025	In-progress
		Make the MIS accessible by relevant departments	Inter- Departmental arrangement established	July, 2023	In-progress
		Link MIS with cash disbursement	MIS linked with financial management database of Finance Division (SPBMU MIS)	December, 2023	In-progress
6	Digitization of cash transfer	Pilot different modalities of G2P	Pilot completed	December, 2024	In-progress
		Roll out an appropriate format of G2P	G2P rolled out for all programmes	December, 2025	In-progress
7	Enhance results-based M&E	Digitize monitoring of programmes	Dashboard established	July, 2025	In-progress
		Conduct mid-term evaluation of programmes	Programmes evaluated regularly	Continuous	In-progress

2.35. Ministry of Commerce

The Ministry of Commerce plays a crucial role in social protection by supporting efforts to sustain food supply and ensure food security in Bangladesh. By coordinating fair price policies with food stock management, the Ministry helps to stabilize food prices and make essential commodities accessible to vulnerable populations. This includes facilitating food supply in the market during crises, ensuring that people have access to affordable food even in times of scarcity or disruption. The Ministry's actions contribute to social protection by mitigating the risk of food insecurity and protecting vulnerable households from the adverse impacts of price fluctuations and supply shortages. The NSSS Action Plan likely recognizes the Ministry of Commerce's role in ensuring food security as a fundamental component of social protection and poverty reduction.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Support in sustaining food supply in the market for ensuring food security.	Coordinate fair price policy with food stock policy	Coordination meetings held	Regularly	In-progress
		Facilitate food supply in the market during the crisis	Food supply increased	During crisis	In-progress

2.36. Ministry of Religious Affairs

The Ministry of Religious Affairs plays a nuanced role in social protection by working to foster social inclusion and solidarity while also identifying and addressing potential religious practices that may lead to social exclusion. This involves promoting interfaith dialogue and understanding, supporting initiatives that empower marginalized religious communities, and advocating for policies that protect religious freedom and equality. By addressing the complex interplay between religion and social dynamics, the Ministry contributes to a more inclusive and harmonious society where everyone feels valued and respected, regardless of their faith. The NSSS Action Plan likely recognizes the importance of religious inclusion and the need to address potential sources of exclusion within religious practices to achieve a truly equitable social protection system.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Fostering social inclusion and solidarity	Identify potential religious practices leading to social exclusion	Study conducted	July, 2022	In-progress
		Sensitize people to be mutually rspectful to each other's religions	The theme ephasized in the religious sermons	July, 2022	In-progress
2	Management of Zakat for social protection funding	Explore social protection areas where Zakat Funds may be used	List prepared	December, 2023	In-progress
		Conduct a study to find out a modaity to register informal Zakats and their beneficiaries.	Report prepared	July, 2024	In-progress

2.37. Ministry of Public Administration

The Ministry of Public Administration contributes to social protection by enhancing the capacity of civil servants to implement and manage social security programs effectively. This includes incorporating and broadening social security content in training courses at institutions like the Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC), the BCS Admin Academy, and the Bangladesh Institute of Administration and Management (BIAM). Additionally, the Ministry plays a direct role in providing social security benefits to vulnerable government employees and their families, ensuring their well-being and protection against social risks. The NSSS Action Plan likely highlights the Ministry's role in building a skilled and knowledgeable civil service capable of effectively delivering social protection services and supporting the overall social security framework.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Training for the civil servants on NSSS	Broaden social security contents in some training courses at BPATC, BCS Admin Academy and BIAM.	More sessions on social security	December, 2022	In-progress
2	Social security for the vulnerable government employees and their families	Continuation of grant/ allowance in case of permanent injury or death of in-service government employees, medical treatment, the funeral of deceased employees, stipend for their children's education, etc.	Disability/ death grant/ allowance, children's stipend, medical treatment grant, funeral grant sustained.	Continuous	In-progress

2.38. Ministry of Textiles and Jute

The Ministry of Textiles and Jute contributes to social protection by focusing on the needs of marginalized weaver and handloom workers. Recognizing the vulnerability of these traditional craftspeople, the Ministry is committed to scaling up programs that provide them with support and opportunities. By investing in the livelihoods of these workers, the Ministry helps to preserve valuable cultural heritage while also promoting economic empowerment and reducing poverty. The NSSS Action Plan likely acknowledges the importance of supporting traditional crafts and ensuring the social protection of those involved in these vulnerable occupations.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Scale-up programmes for marginalized weaver & handloom workers	Increase number ofbeneficiaries in thesehandloom sectors	Beneficiariesincreased (2.00Lakh handloomweavers)	June, 2025	In-progress
2	Consolidate Smaller Programmes	Prepare a list ofprogrammes to becontinued	List sent to CabinetDivision	July, 2022	In-progress
		Make a list ofprogrammes to bescaled up	List sent to CabinetDivision	July, 2022	In-progress
		Make a list ofprogrammes to bephased out	List sent to CabinetDivision	July, 2022	In-progress
		Review theconsolidationproposals	Review prepared	December, 2023	In-progress
3	Improve targeting of beneficiaries	Update manual forselection proceduresand disseminate it topeople	Circular issued	January, 2023	In-progress
		Publish a list ofbeneficiariesonline to make ittransparent	Instruction givento field offices	Continuous	In-progress

		Follow the BBSdatabase whenprepared	Instruction given	February, 2023	In-progress
4	Grievance Redress System	Arrange forrecording complaintsat field level	Instruction issued	Continuous	In-progress
		Create publicawareness about thefacility of central GRSof Cabinet Division	Public Meetingsheld in all Upazilas	September, 2024	In-progress
5	Develop Single Registry MIS	Create onlineBased MIS for allprogrammes	MIS digitized for allprogrammes	March, 2025	In-progress
		Make the MISaccessibleby relevantdepartments	Inter-Departmentalarrangementestablished	July, 2023	In-progress
		Link MIS with cashdisbursement	MIS linkedwith financialmanagementdatabase ofFinance Division(SPBMU MIS)	December, 2023	In-progress
6	Digitization of cash transfer	Pilot differentmodalities of G2P	Pilot completed	December, 2024	In-progress
		Roll out theappropriate formatof G2P	G2P rolled out forall programmes	December, 2025	In-progress
7	Enhance resultsbased M&E	Digitize monitoringof programmes	Dashboardestablished	July, 2025	In-progress
		Conduct midtermevaluation ofprogrammes	Programmesevaluated regularly	Continuous	In-progress
		Top 5 programmesevaluated by CODIformat	Programmesevaluated regularly	Continuous	In-progress

2.39. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change plays a crucial role in social protection by addressing the increasing threats of climate change and natural disasters, particularly for vulnerable communities. By strengthening the management of climate change adaptation and disaster prevention, the Ministry helps to build resilience and reduce the social and economic impacts of these events. This includes taking measures in line with the Delta Plan of Action, a comprehensive strategy for managing water resources and mitigating climate risks in Bangladesh. The Ministry also coordinates with local development projects to ensure that climate change and disaster resilience are integrated into development planning and implementation. This proactive approach to environmental protection contributes to social protection by safeguarding livelihoods, reducing displacement, and promoting sustainable development in the face of climate challenges. The NSSS Action Plan likely recognizes the Ministry's role in addressing climate change and disaster risks as integral to building a resilient and inclusive social protection system.

Implementation Progress:

The progress in the implementation of the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan is detailed below:

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Status
1	Strengthen the management of climate change and disaster prevention	Take measures according to the Delta Plan of Action	Delta Plans implemented	A timeline of the Delta Plan	In-progress
		Coordinate with local development projects	Coordination maintained	Continuous	In-progress
		a) Engage forestdependent community and local people as participants in social forestry activities b) Engage forestdependent people with collaborative forest management in forest areas. c) Engage forestdependent people with co-management in Protected Areas d) Compensate to the people injured or died or property damaged through wildlife attack.	a) Number of beneficiaries engaged in social forestry activities b) Number of engaged local people in collaborative forest management in forest areas c) Number of local people engaged in comanagement committee d) Number of death/ injured people/property damaged by the attack of wildlife and amount of compensation according to the Wildlife Injury	June, 2023	In-progress

			Compensation Rules 2021"		
		Building Climate-resilient house for climate affected specially cyclone affected people in a coastal region Supplying safe drinking water in Climate vulnerable areas for better health doing Climate Change related research/action research/Adaptation research.	a) Number of beneficiaries who lived in the project area. b) Amount Infrastructure Developed and Research work c) Number of beneficiaries taking drinking water facilities.	June, 2022	In-progress
		a) Building Climateresilient houses for climate victim people especially in the study areab) Embankment Facilityc) Supply safe drinking water d) Solar irrigation e) Alternate Income Generation (AIG) grant f) Reforestation	a) No. of household b) The total area of infrastructure c) No. of beneficiariesd) No. of beneficiaries e) No. of beneficiaries f) Amount of area	June, 2026	In-progress
2	Consolidate Smaller Programmes	Prepare a list of programmes to be continued	List sent to Cabinet Division	July, 2022	In-progress
		Make a list of programmes to be scaled up	List sent to Cabinet Division	July, 2022	In-progress
		Make a list of programmes to be phased out	List sent to Cabinet Division	July, 2022	In-progress
		Review the consolidation proposals	Review prepared	December, 2023	In-progress
3	Improve targeting of beneficiaries	Update manual for selection procedures and disseminate it to people	Circular issued	January, 2023	In-progress
		Publish a list of beneficiaries online to make it transparent	Instruction is given to field offices	Continuous	In-progress
		Follow the BBS. database when prepared	Instruction given	February, 2023	In-progress
		a) Arrange a training programme on ecotourism for the people adjacent to the eco-tourism site b) Arrange an awareness programme for local people adjacent to the eco-tourism site c) Training on plantation and nursery raising technique	a) Number of trained eco-tour guide b) Raised awareness of local people adjacent to the eco-tourism sitec) Number of local people received training on plantation and nursery raising technique	December, 2024	In-progress
		a) Arrange training programme for ECA management b) Arrange training programme climate adaptive measures	a) No. of trained participant b) No. of trained participant	June, 2026	In-progress
4		Arrange for recording complaints at field level	Instruction issued	Continuous	In-progress

		Create public awareness about the facility of central GRS of Cabinet Division	Public Meetings held in all Upazilas	September, 2024	In-progress
	Grievance Redress System	Arrange public hearing meetings regularly in headquarter and field-level offices	Meeting minutes are prepared	Continuous	In-progress
		Arrange public hearing meetings regularly in head office.	Meeting minutes are prepared	Continuous	In-progress
		Arrange public hearing Meeting	Meeting Minutes	N/A	In-progress
5	Develop Single Registry MIS	Create Based online MIS. for all pro-grammes	MIS. digitized for all programmes	March, 2025	In-progress
		Make the MIS. accessible by relevant departments	Inter- Departmental arrangement established	July, 2023	In-progress
		Link MIS. with cash disbursement	MIS. linked with financial management database of Finance Division (SPBMU MIS)	December, 2023	In-progress
6	Digitization of Cash Transfer	Pilot different modalities of G2P	Pilot completed	December, 2024	In-progress
		Roll out the appropriate format of G2P	G2P rolled out for all programmes	December, 2025	In-progress
7	Enhance Results-Based M&E	Digitize monitoring of programmes	Dashboard estab-lished	July, 2025	In-progress
		Conduct midterm evaluation of programmes	Programmes evaluated regularly	Continuous	In-progress
		Top 5 programmes evaluated by CODI format	Programmes evaluated regularly	Continuous	In-progress
		Database of the beneficiaries	Database, Modules in the BFIS	Continuous	In-progress
		Database of the beneficiaries	Database in BCCT	Continuous	In-progress
		Database of the beneficiaries	Database in DoE	June, 2026	In-progress
8	Food availability and nutrition	Innovation and extension of stresstolerant varieties for ensuring food security	Several beneficiaries/ farmers cultivate/ practice these varieties/improved technologies.	June, 2022	In-progress
		a) Innovation and extension of Climate tolerant varieties for ensuring food security b) Farmers trained on climate-resilient agricultural best practicesc) Solar irrigation and power pump	a) No. of beneficiariesb) No. of farmers c) No. of beneficiaries	June, 2026	In-progress

3. Action Plans of the Thematic Clusters

To enhance coordination and effectiveness among various ministries involved in social protection efforts, Bangladesh has adopted a thematic cluster approach. There are five thematic distinct clusters—Social Allowance, Food Security, Labour and Livelihood, Social Insurance, and Human Development and Social Empowerment—have been established to streamline program implementation and maximize impact. Each cluster operates with a dedicated action plan outlining specific objectives, strategies, and interventions tailored to its respective domain. This framework ensures alignment of programs, optimized resource allocation, and ultimately, the delivery of comprehensive and effective support to beneficiaries facing various vulnerabilities.

A key responsibility of each thematic cluster is to foster collaboration and coordination among the various ministries and divisions involved in its respective domain. This includes establishing clear communication channels, sharing information and data, and harmonizing program implementation. By working together, the clusters can avoid duplication of efforts, identify synergies, and maximize the impact of social protection interventions.

Furthermore, the thematic clusters are responsible for sensitizing relevant officials on critical issues within their respective areas. This involves raising awareness about specific vulnerabilities, promoting best practices, and building capacity for effective program implementation. The clusters also play a crucial role in planning the consolidation of programs and ensuring a smooth transition of beneficiaries from one program to another, as their needs evolve. This integrated approach ensures that individuals receive continuous support and are empowered to overcome challenges and improve their well-being.

Progress of Actions

SL.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicator	Timeframe	Responsible Ministry	Shared Responsibility	Status
Social Allowance Cluster							
1	Introduce and scale up of Mother-Child Benefit Programme	Scale-up consolidated Mother and Child Benefit programme	The programme implemented in phases	July 2021 - June 2025	Ministry of Women and Children Affairs	Finance Division	In-progress
2	Introduce Vulnerable Women's Benefit	Coordinate between MoWCA and MoSW to consolidate and improve the	Plan of MoWCA reviewed and submitted detailed	From July 2022	Ministry of Social Welfare	Ministry of Food	In-progress

	programme	programme for vulnerable women. MoWCA rebrand VGD and ICVGD as VWB programme	implementation plan of VWB to CMC				
3	Scale-up Old Age Allowance	Support in expanding coverage of Old Age Allowance	The number of beneficiaries increased	July, 2023	Ministry of Social Welfare	Finance Division	In-progress
4	Scale-up programmes for people with disabilities	Continue the universal coverage of programmes for PWD. Coordinate with Old Age Allowance	Programme continued	Continuous	Ministry of Social Welfare	Finance Division	In-progress
		VWB programme for a smooth transition	Coordinated with other relevant programmes	July, 2023	Ministry of Social Welfare	Finance Division, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs	In-progress
5	The transition of beneficiaries to other programmes	Plan transition with several beneficiaries and cost	Plan prepared and updated	Annually	Ministry of Social Welfare	Line Agencies	In-progress
		Coordinate transition with relevant ministries	Coordination is done regularly	Continuous	Ministry of Social Welfare	Line Agencies	In-progress
6	Regular consultation with members	Regular consultation with members	Organize quarterly meeting	Continuous	Ministry of Social Welfare		In-progress
7	Organize seminars/ workshops	Organize workshops / inter-cluster consultation meetings	Annual Seminars or consultations organized	Continuous	Ministry of Social Welfare		In-progress

Food Security Cluster

8	Consolidation of food security type programmes	Coordinate with the implementing ministries to consolidate the food security type programmes	Programmes consolidated	July, 2023	Ministry of Food	Finance Division	In-progress
9	Vulnerable Women Benefit (VWB) programme	Coordinate with Social Allowance Cluster to decide whether to change it into a cashbased programme.	Cross cluster consultations held with social allowance cluster and decision took about food transfer	December, 2022	Ministry of Women and Children Affairs	Ministry of Social Welfare	In-progress
		Consolidate the programme into a VWB programme	N/A	N/A	Ministry of Women and Children Affairs		In-progress
10	Food supply in food shortage areas	Ensure food supply in disaster and droughtaffected areas, or areas where money supply cannot ensure availability of food	Food supply continued in relevant areas	Continuous	Ministry of Food		In-progress
11	Food stock policy and fair price policy	Monitor the consistency of OMS and relief programmes with food stock policy and fair price policy of the Government	Food stock policy and fair price policy are consistent with food security programmes	Continuous	Ministry of Food	Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief	In-progress
12	Coordination of disaster response types of programmes	Share information on disaster response programmes in regular meetings	Included as an agenda item in cluster meetings	Continuous	Ministry of Food	Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief	In-progress
13	The transition of beneficiari	Plan transition with several beneficiaries and costs	Plan prepared and updated	Annually	Ministry of Social Welfare		In-progress

	es to another programme	Coordinate transition with relevant ministries	Coordination is done regularly	Continuous	Ministry of Social Welfare		In-progress
14	Regular consultation with members	Organize quarterly meetings	Quarterly meetings organized	Continuous	Ministry of Social Welfare		In-progress
15	Organize seminars/ workshops	Organize workshops / inter-cluster consultation meetings	Annual seminars or consultations organized	Continuous	Ministry of Social Welfare, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief		
			Programmes consolidated.	July, 2022			In-progress

Labour and Livelihood Cluster

16	Achieve consolidated workfare programmes						
17	Provision of childcare across all formal & informal employment	Ensure childcare facilities in all government offices, private enterprises and informal labourintensive areas	Childcare Act enacted, Rules framed and Childcare facilities available in organizations with more than 40 employees.	July 21 to June 25	Ministry of Women and Children Affairs		In-progress
18	Facilitation in the labour market	Coordinate with relevant ministries and other thematic clusters for ensuring that beneficiaries get more access to labour markets.	More beneficiaries are engaged in the labour market.	Continuous	Ministry of Labour and Employment		In-progress
19	Training programme for the young population	Coordinate with ministries for facilitating trainees in getting jobs.	More trainees have access to the labour market.	Continuous	Ministry of Labour and Employment	Ministry of Youth and Sports, Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Expatriates` Welfare and Overseas Employment	In-progress
20	Update and implement effective legislation to ensure	Update legal provisions and ensure strict implementation.	Implementation of labour rights is regularly monitored.	Continuous	Ministry of Labour and Employment		In-progress

	labour rights						
21	The transition of beneficiaries to other programmes	Plan transition with some beneficiaries and costs	Plan prepared and updated	Annually	Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief		In-progress
		Coordinate transition with relevant ministries	Coordination done regularly	Continuous	Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief		In-progress
22	Regular consultation with members	Organize quarterly meetings.	Quarterly meetings organized.	Continuous	Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief		In-progress
23	Organize seminars/ workshops	Organize workshops / inter-cluster consultation meetings	Annual seminars or consultations organized.	Continuous	Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief		In-progress

Social Insurance Cluster

24	National Social Insurance Scheme (NSIS)	Review the study on the NSIS framework to determine its viability. Recommend suitable option of NSIS and support implementation.	A framework of NSIS is designed for pilots.	July, 2022	Finance Division	Financial Institutions Division	In-progress
25	Private pension	Support and coordinate the process of establishing the Pension Regulatory Authority.	Private pension authority established.	July, 2023	Finance Division		In-progress
26	Government Service Pension	Continue the programme	The programme continued.	Continuous	Finance Division	Ministry of Public Administration	In-progress
27	Regular consultation with members	Organize quarterly meetings	Quarterly meetings organized	Continuous	Finance Division		In-progress
28	Organize seminars/ workshops	Organize workshops / inter-cluster consultation meetings	Annual seminars or consultations organized	Continuous	Finance Division		In-progress

Human Development and Social Empowerment

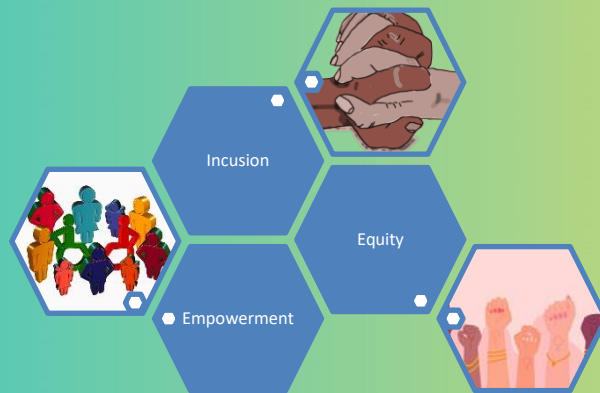|							
29	School Stipend Programme	Monitor the progress in scaling up the number of beneficiaries	The number of beneficiaries increased	July, 2022	Ministry of Primary and Mass Education	Finance Division	In-progress
30	Child Development	Coordinate and monitor the progress of programmes related to child development like orphan's and school meals programmes, immunization, child healthcare, nutrition, water and sanitation, etc.	Child development programmes consolidated	Continuous	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	Local Government Division	In-progress
31	Social empowerment	Oversee and coordinate with other clusters and relevant ministries to ensure social justice and equity	Social justice and inclusion efforts of each programme are monitored	Continuous	Ministry of Primary and Mass Education	Ministry of Social Welfare, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs	In-progress
32	The transition of beneficiaries to different programmes	Plan transition with quantifying the number of beneficiaries and costs	Plan prepared and updated	Annually	Ministry of Primary and Mass Education	Line Agencies	In-progress
		Coordinate transition with relevant ministries	Coordination is done regularly	Continuous	Ministry of Primary and Mass Education	Line Agencies	In-progress
33	Regular consultation with members	Organize quarterly meetings	Quarterly meetings organized	Continuous	Ministry of Primary and Mass Education		In-progress
34	Organize seminars/ workshops	Organize workshops/ inter-cluster consultation meetings	Annual Seminars or consultations organized	Continuous	Ministry of Primary and Mass Education		In-progress

4. Conclusion and Recommendations

4.1.   Conclusion

This report has provided a comprehensive overview of the progress made in implementing the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action Plan-Phase II (2021-2026) in Bangladesh, as of 2024. It has highlighted the significant strides made across 39 ministries and government agencies in translating the NSSS vision into concrete actions. The analysis of the ministry-wise budget allocations has illuminated the strategic prioritization of resources, emphasizing key areas such as disaster management, education, and agriculture, alongside the core social security schemes managed by the Finance Division. While challenges remain, the commitment to a multi-sectoral approach, modernizing delivery systems, and achieving the NSSS objectives is evident.

The detailed account of progress presented in this report serves as a valuable tool for policymakers, stakeholders, and development partners. By showcasing successful initiatives, identifying challenges, and analyzing both successes and shortcomings, this report contributes to ongoing efforts to strengthen Bangladesh's social protection system. It fosters a deeper understanding of the factors influencing implementation and informs strategies for enhancing effectiveness.

Ultimately, this evaluation underscores Bangladesh's dedication to reducing poverty, promoting social justice, and driving sustainable development through the NSSS. It provides a critical assessment of the current state of implementation, offering valuable insights to guide future actions and ensure the NSSS continues to make progress towards its ambitious goals of building a more equitable and inclusive society for all.

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