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Social Security Budget Report 2025-26

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Background



- ▶ **Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948**
A global agreement on fundamental human rights
- ▶ **International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 1976**
An international treaty on economic, social, and cultural rights
- ▶ **Article 15 of the Constitution of Bangladesh**
A constitutional provision ensuring basic necessities
- ▶ **National Social Security Strategy, 2015**
A national policy framework for social security

Evolution of Social Protection in Bangladesh

1970s



Public works and **food aid** in the post war, flood affected country facing food shortage



FFW

1980s



Transition from **relief to development oriented** safety nets



VGD

1990s



Introduction of **conditional transfers**, i.e. food for education (as a more effective use of food aid), female student stipend etc.



PESP

2000s



Graduation goals: shift from protection to protection and promotion by building **resilience** and **geographic targeting**



EGPP

2010s

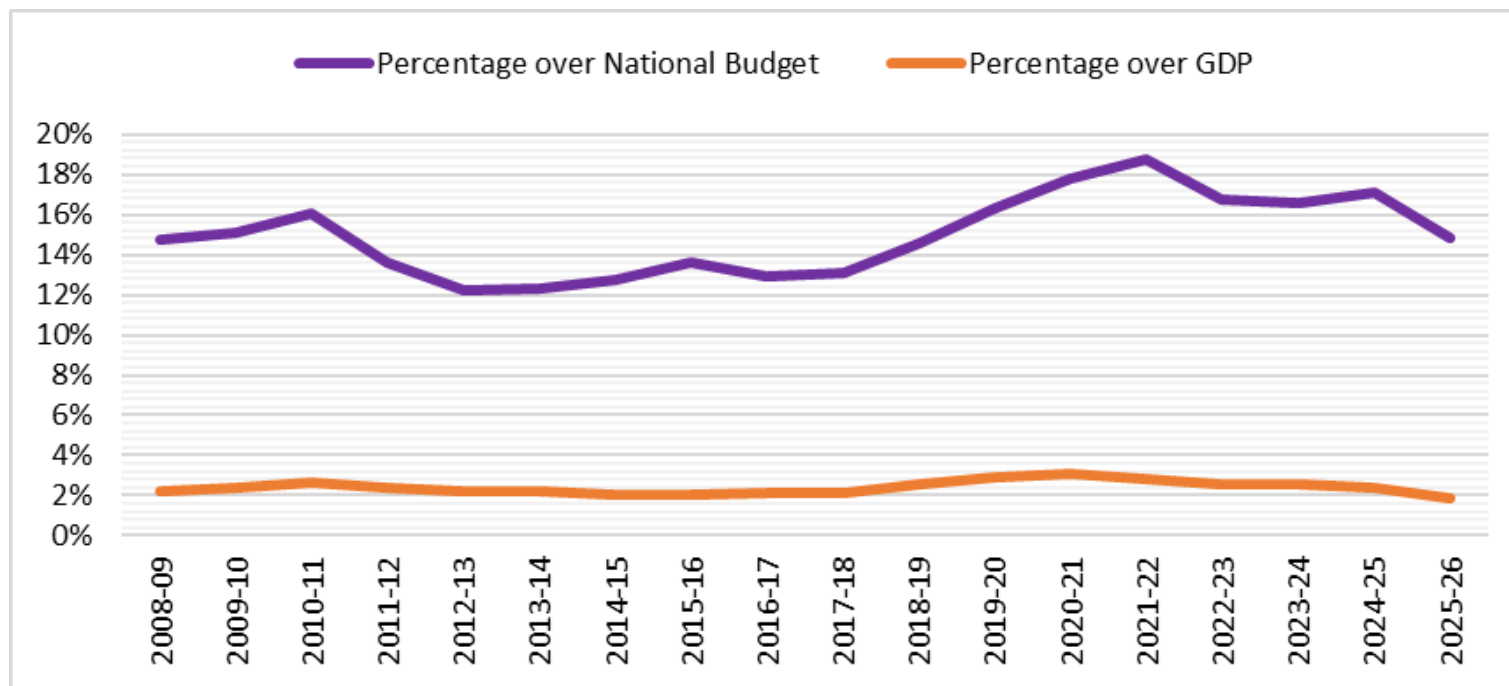


Improvement of the livelihood for the backward communities- Hizra, Bede and Disadvantaged



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Social Security Budget



- The social security budget in Bangladesh has been steadily increasing over the years.
- In FY 2015–16, the government allocated Tk. 35,975 crore, which has risen to Tk. 1,26,731 crore in FY 2025–26—more than 3.5 times higher within a decade.

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Some Salient Features



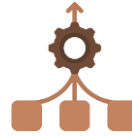
No. of Programmes and Allocation

The FY 2025-26 edition lists 95 social security programmes with a total allocation of Tk. 1,26,731 crore.



Pro-poor Programmes

Includes a separate list of 39 pro-poor programmes, accounting for Tk. 37,076 crore.



Programme Consolidation

Consolidation of Disability Allowance and Education Stipend Programme and Underprivileged people's Livelihood Development Programme.



Single Registry System

Describes the architecture of the Single Registry System for improved transparency, efficiency and coordination.



Dynamic Social Registry

Highlights establishment of the Dynamic Social Registry System for better beneficiary targeting

Budget Mapping: Categorization and Allocation

Issuing a Government Circular

- Requests each line Ministry/Division to provide a list of programmes that fall under social security.
- Instructions are given to classify each programme using the 7 functional categories and 9 lifecycle categories and to specify the types of interventions.

Cabinet Committee/Advisory Council Committee on Social Protection

- Number of beneficiaries and rate of benefits of 15 major social protection programmes are determined by the Cabinet Committee/Advisory Council Committee on Social Protection led by Hon'ble Finance Adviser.

Report Preparation

- Social Security Budget Report Publication Committee
 - The Committee consists of **08 members**, headed by Additional Secretary (Budget-1).
 - Assign iBAS++ codes to the programmes
 - Examine categorization of programmes by Function, Lifecycle and Intervention
 - Confirm the budget data from the iBAS system
- Organizing Workshops
- Draft report approved by Hon'ble Adviser, Ministry of Finance
- Report placed to Advisory Council/Parliament

Allocation in 2025-26 based on Function (Category)

(TK. in Crore)

Function (Category)	No. of Programme	Budget (2025-26)
Social Assistance	36	47597
Social Insurance	2	35434
General Subsidies	3	34965
Labor Market Programme	19	4171
Social Care Service	15	2327
Community Development	17	2013
Technical Assistance	3	223
Total :	95	1,26,731

Allocation in 2025-26 based on Lifecycle Stages

(TK. in Crore)

Lifecycle Stages	No. of Programmes	Budget
Elderly	7	46173
Household (poverty)	19	39319
Household-Shock	14	12458
School-aged Children	9	9790
Working Age	23	8400
Persons-With-Disability	10	4077
Unclassified	8	3916
Pregnancy & Early Childhood	4	2467
Overall system	1	131
Total :	95	1,26,731

Allocation Comparison

(TK. in Crore)

Function (Category)	No. of Programmes		Budget (2025-26)	
	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26
Social Assistance	54	36	49872	47597
Social Insurance	3	2	45558	35434
General Subsidies	4	3	25156	34965
Labor Market Programme	34	19	6214	4171
Social Care Service	16	15	3376	2327
Community Development	23	17	4553	2013
Technical Assistance	6	3	1297	223
Total :	140	95	1,36,026	1,26,731

(TK. in Crore)

Lifecycle Stages	No. of Programmes		Budget	
	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26
Elderly	10	7	47067	46173
Household (poverty)	21	19	29770	39319
Household-Shock	21	14	14809	12458
School-aged Children	11	9	8240	9790
Working Age	41	23	21450	8400
Persons-With-Disability	8	10	3812	4077
Unclassified	22	8	8240	3916
Pregnancy & Early Childhood	4	4	2434	2467
Overall system	2	1	204	131
Total :	140	95	1,36,026	1,26,731

Pro-poor Programmes



Introduction of a separate chapter

A list of 39 pro-poor programmes



Total budget allocation

These programmes collectively account for nearly one-third of the total social security budget—amounting to Tk. 37,076 crore.



Selection criterion

The list has been developed based on some defined parameters, including targeting effectiveness, benefit adequacy, accessibility, affordability and sustainability.

Digital Innovation in Social Security System

Single Registry System

- The Finance Division has upgraded the existing central system for G2P (Government-to-Person) payment processing—the SPBMU MIS—into a Single Registry.
- Features like double-dipping checks, grievance redress mechanisms, and monitoring and evaluation dashboards are incorporated.

Dynamic Social Registry

- Establishment of a **Dynamic Social Registry (DSR)** is going on to enhance targeting through integration with other administrative systems.
- Under DSR, potential beneficiaries will be able to apply through a designated website or mobile application.
- Based on socioeconomic ranking and other defined criteria, eligible beneficiaries will be selected.

Concluding Remarks

This report reflects our renewed vision for building a just and resilient society.

It serves as a vital resource for stakeholders, policymakers, and practitioners alike.

It is not only a policy document—it is a blueprint for inclusive development and a symbol of national renewal.

Available at www.mof.gov.bd

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