



# Quarterly Progress Report

April - June 2021

**Name of Project:** Social Protection Policy Support (SPPS) Programme

**(Atlas Project ID: 00090394)**

## List of Acronyms

CAP	Community Action Plan
CCVA	Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment
CDC	Community Development Committee
CHDF	Community Housing Development Fund
CO	Community Organisation
CRMIF	Climate Resilient Municipal Infrastructure Fund
DFID	Department for International Development
CMC	Central Management Committee
DPP	Development Programme Proforma
NSSS	National Social Security Strategy

## Project Information

<b>Funded by:</b>	DFAT, DFID, UNDP		
<b>Bangladesh National Counterparts:</b>	Cabinet Division; General Economics Division, Planning Commission		
<b>Partnerships:</b>	N/A		
<b>Project Locations:</b>	Cabinet Division, Dhaka; General Economics Division, Planning Commission, Dhaka		
<b>CPD Output:</b>	The Government has the capacity to develop policies and carry out sectoral and geographical interventions in districts where inequality of progress is evident.		
<b>SP Output:</b>	Growth and development are inclusive and sustainable, incorporating productive capacities that create employment and livelihoods for the poor and excluded.		
<b>SDG Target:</b>	<p>1.3: Implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including floors, and by 2030 achieve substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable.</p> <p>5.4: Recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work through the provision of public services, infrastructure and social protection policies and the promotion of shared responsibility within the household and the family as nationally appropriate.</p> <p>10.4: Adopt policies, especially fiscal, wage and social protection policies, and progressively achieve greater equality.</p>		
<b>Project Starting Date (DD/MM/YYYY):</b>	01/01/2014		
<b>Original Completion Date (DD/MM/YYYY):</b>	30/06/2020	<b>Expected Completion Date (DD/MM/YYYY):</b>	31/12/2025
<b>Project Budget (USD):</b>	7,051,672 (original); 12,448,649 (revised)	<b>Fund Received (USD):</b>	6,530,540

## Narratives

<b>Key Results achieved</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 06 consultation meetings with 39 ministries /divisions held for developing revised Nation Social Security Strategy (NSSS) Action plan 2021-2026. These inputs will have significant effect on the Government's social protection policy and budgetary response over the next 5 years, affecting millions of individuals along the life cycle.</li> <li>• 01 Central Management Committee (CMC) meeting discussed the draft NSSS Action Plan thoroughly, and ministries were asked to review the draft before final approval by first week of July 2021.</li> </ul>
<b>Gender/ Leaving No One Behind (if any)</b>
<b>Gender</b> – The NSSS Action Plan second phase 2021-2026 incorporates the NSSS gender action plans, in Gender Inclusivity chapter of the draft.
<b>COVID-19 Responses (if any)</b>
<b>COVID-19</b> N/A
<b>Innovation (if any)</b>
N/A
<b>Monitoring</b>
The project completed review, consultation meetings and Central Management Committee (CMC) meeting with concerned 39 ministries for NSSS Action Plan second phase for 2021-2026.

Project Risks & Mitigation Measures			
Sr	Project Risk	Likelihood (High/ Moderate/Low)	Mitigation Measure
1	<b>External, Environment:</b> COVID-19 pandemic limits ability to gather further policy workshops and discussions on development of NSSS.	Moderate	Activities have been shifted where appropriate to Zoom working groups and technical teams and limited and social distanced workspaces where applicable for technical discussions.
2	<b>External, Donor Relations:</b> Donor priorities have shifted due to pandemic and delayed signing of funding agreements: focus interest now more on new poor, adaptive SP, policies, continuation of previous works, GoB's perceptions.	High	Working with donor partners to develop pandemic policy responses for joint cooperation as well as revision of developed proposals inclusion both GoB and DPs' requirements.

Project Issues & Remedial Actions		
Sr	Project Issue	Remedial Action
1	<b>COVID-19 Pandemic:</b> The ability to meet with individuals for both policy discussions and internal administrative issues has slowed down work.	Regarding the policy outputs, the project shifted discussions to Zoom, which has worked fairly well. Regarding the TPP project cost-extension, many discussions have happened by Zoom and phone call, with limited physical contact at the Government offices. The project has been approved for a cost-extension, but the initial timeline pre-pandemic has been shifted due to the challenges of meeting in-person.

Lessons Learned	
•	Where Zoom is not feasible for working on extremely technical pieces and individuals are required to collaborate in person, the project has used a designated working space, social distanced and with necessary precautions and cleaning tools, limited to two individuals per technical area, who can them report back to groups via Zoom.

## Indicator Progress

<b>Output 1</b>	<i>Example</i>			
<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>EOP Target</b>	<b>Annual Target (2020)</b>	<b>Progress (Q2-2020)</b>
1.1.				

Previous ProDoc output indicators have expired. New output indicators still being developed on basis of discussion with DFAT in consultative dialogue in August 2021. Current activities funded by TRAC and agreed upon with CO Cluster and Programme leads (mostly in relation to NSSS Action Plan 2021-2026).

## Activity Progress

Output wise Progress against Activities				
Output 1				
Planned Activities (Three Months)	Progress Achieved	Challenges	Planned Activities (Next Three Months)	Financial Expenditure (USD)
1.1 One meeting held to review NSSS progress and update on report preparation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ One Central Management Committee (CMC) NSSS focal points meeting held.</li> <li>➤ One CMC meeting held for Bangladesh Social Protection reforms with 39 ministries and secretaries.</li> </ul>	The Ministries have submitted a draft implementation of the schedule. The ministries have submitted the final comments on the draft NSSS Action Plan second phase 2021-2026.	Physical meetings with stakeholders for policy discussions limited and for team members to work through technical areas.	For better implement the NSSS Phase 2, a number of orientation workshops will be beneficial for the concerned implementing ministries.	\$30,000
1.2 Agreement with bilateral partners on funding next phase of project	DFAT support to SSPS Programme – next funding cooperation contract was signed. Verbal, formal agreement from other bilateral partners to fund next phase	Revamping proposal sections based on COVID-19 new policy priority areas from bilateral partner directions.	Consultation meeting with development partners, GoB counterparts, and others for finalizing SSPS Programme next phase implementation.	\$20,000

Output	Total Budget (2021)	Allocated Budget (Q1 & Q2: 2021)	Expenditure (Q1& Q2: 2021)	Cumulative Expenditure (Q1: 2021)	Balance (Cumulative)	Delivery Rate (Cumulative)
1	198,090	198,090	184,417	184,417	13,673	93%
<b>Grand Total</b>	198,090	198,090	184,417	184,417	13,673	93%

## Financial Progress

- Budget 2021 (January - June) is \$198,090.

Currency: USD

**Annex**