

Quarterly Progress Report

January – March 2022

Title of Project: Social Protection Policy Support (SPPS) Programme

Atlas Project ID: 00090394

List of Acronyms

CMC	Central Management Committee
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
GoB	Government of Bangladesh
NSSS	National Social Security Strategy
SSPS	Social Security Policy Support
OAA	Old Age Allowance
OPD	Organisation of Person with Disabilities
PWD	Person with Disabilities
NSSS	National Social Security Strategy
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
OAA	Old Age Allowance

Project Information

Funded by:	DFAT		
National Counterparts:	Cabinet Division and General Economics Division ,Planning Commission.		
Partnerships:	Sightsavers -Disability Alliance on SDGs Bangladesh, and the Centre for Disability in Development (CDD)		
Project Locations:	Cabinet Division, Dhaka; General Economics Division, Planning Commission, Dhaka		
CPD Output:	1.3 Policy and regulatory frameworks enabling greater access to and utilization of inclusive, gender-responsive and resilient basic social and protection services are strengthened		
SP Output:	1.2 Social Protection Services and system strengthened across sectors with increased investment.		
SDG Target:	<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>		
Project Starting Date (DD/MM/YYYY):	01/01/2014		
Original Completion Date as per approved ProDoc (DD/MM/YYYY):	30/06/2020	Expected Completion Date as per revised ProDoc, if any (DD/MM/YYYY):	31/12/2025
Project Total Budget (USD):	\$12,448,649	Fund Received (USD) till to date:	\$9,852,356

Narratives

<p>Key Results achieved</p> <p>List the top 3-5 key results that the project has achieved during Q1 (January-March) of 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Project Implementation Committee (PIC) was held, jointly chaired by the Secretary, Coordination and Reforms, Cabinet Division and Member, General Economics Division (GED) of Planning Commission. Discussion centered around the project implementation progress, formulation of the NSSS Action Plan Phase 2 and SPPS detailed Annual Work Plan (2021-2023). • Annual reflection Meeting held with DFAT on the progress of NSSS Action Plan 2 Reforms and updated on future programmes. • ToR developed and study commissioned to an individual firm on NSSS- M&E and MIS assessment, identification of indicators, and outline of M&E dashboard. • Field visit to Gopalganj on Single Registry MIS initiated by DC using National Household Database and Geographical code by BBS. Visit to Asharayan Project to see the multidimensional Poverty. • Nonstate Actor Platform initiated with OPDS sharing mapping on social protection.
<p>Gender Leaving No One Behind (if any)</p> <p>Gender Briefly narrate Project's contribution to achieving gender equality (only report on the progress made between January and March 2022)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised NSSS Action Plan 2021-25 incorporates set of gender focused indicators addressing practical and strategic needs of women for social security. <p>Leave No One Behind (LNOB)/Persons with Disabilities (PWD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping of Social Protection Programmes held on 21st March 2022 with disability inclusive presentation shared by 12 Organizations of Person with Disabilities(OPDs) and session on stories of Lives of PWDS across lifecycle attended by Principal Coordinator (SDG) Affairs PMO office.
<p>COVID-19 Responses (if any)</p> <p>If the project had activities relating to COVID-19 during the reporting period, please share here briefly. A Brief Analysis of Social Protection Program Response to Covid-19 Pandemic in Bangladesh (Draft) prepared by consultant.</p>
<p>Innovation (if any)</p>

N/A				
Monitoring				
Impact monitoring is being conducted through regular minute minutes after all consultation meetings and workshops and shared with the concerned ministries with proper and regular feedback on the discussions.				
Project Risks & Mitigation Measures				
Sr	Project Risk ¹	Risk Category and Sub-category ²	Likelihood (High/Substantial Moderate/Low)	Mitigation Measure
1	Social and Environmental Risk : Covid Pandemic affected policy development and continued implementation of NSSS action plans on social protection.	Low	Low	Activities moved to hybrid model where necessary .
2	Organizational : Frequent transfer of government officials	Moderate	Moderate	Orientation to the concerned officials
3	Operational : Coordination and Communication problem among ministries	Moderate	Moderate	Regular weekly meetings.
Project Issues & Remedial Actions				
Sr	Project Issue	Remedial Action		
1	COVID-19 Pandemic : 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 well. Regarding the PIC, annual reflection meeting to Donor , many discussions have happened by Zoom and phone call, with limited physical contact at the Government offices.		
Lessons Learned				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zoom is not always feasible for working on extremely technical pieces due to less face-to-face contact and unclear communication and individuals are required to collaborate in person as a result the project has used a designated working space, social distanced and with necessary precautions and cleaning tools, limited to two individuals per technical area for better feedback. 				

¹ Please make sure to include Social and Environmental risks

² Use the 'ERM Risk Categories Sub-categories and Risk Matrix' as a reference

Indicator Progress

Output 1		By 2025, Government has significantly increased social security coverage of old age persons and Person with disabilities by adopting a universal approach (sex and age disaggregated data)			
Indicator	Baseline	End of Project Target	Annual Target (2022)	Progress (Q1-2022)	
1.1. Four policy proposals (OAA, Persons with Disabilities, NSIS) submitted for Govt. approval	2020		Concept notes OAA, DA developed (January 2022)	Developed	
Output 2		Research and pilot generated evidence available to and utilized by policymakers and other stakeholders			
M&E Dashboard research study initiated	2020		Initiated(February 2022)	Initiated . First Draft to be submitted in May 2022	
Output 3		Gender-responsive policy advice and accountability tools are made available to the line ministries to demonstrate their accountability for social protection reforms			
3.1. Single registry MIS field visit completed	2020		March 2022	Completed	
Output 4		Broadened knowledge base and influence of NGOs working for marginalized and excluded groups, including persons with disabilities in social protection decision-making			
Disability social protection programming workshop from supply and demand perspective completed	2020		March 2022	Completed	

Activity Progress

Output wise Progress against Activities						
Output 1						
Planned Activities of Q1, 2022		Progress Achieved			Challenges and Measures	
1.1. Four concept notes developed		Approved by Cabinet			Challenges: Frequent changes in line ministry limits progress of the project Measures: Frequent Meetings with ministries for better understanding.	
	Output	Total Annual Budget (2022)	Budget for Q1 (2022)	Expenditure in Q1 (2022)	Balance	Delivery Rate
Output 2						
M&E Study Dashboard ToR developed and awarded to private firm for commissioning.		To be submitted in May 2022			Challenges: Only One firm has bid out for the study . Measures: Thorough background check done of the firm before awarding.	
Output 3						
Workshop held with 12 OPDS who shared their presentation on social Protecting Mapping on disabilities		A platform has been initiated with OPDS ,two workshops completed, and report is being drafted.			Challenges: Braille PowerPoint , written materials and resources suggested by OPDs Measures : Braille and visually friendly resources to be taken into consideration.	

Financial Progress

Currency: USD

Output1,2,3 & 4	1,360,815	340204	322,000	18,204	24%
Grand Total	1360815				

(As of 31 March 2022)

Annex

Please insert picture, case story or any other relevant information and illustration.

Workshop On Mapping of Social Protection Programs and Listening to the Lives of Person with Disabilities Across Lifecycle held on 21st March 2022

