

Quarterly Progress Report

July – September 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.		
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

Key Results achieved

List the top 3-5 key results that the project has achieved during Q3 (July-Sept) of 2022.

- The workshop on ‘Core Diagnostic Instrument (CODI) for evaluation of Bangladesh’s Social Security Programmes,’ took place on 4 August 2022 . Mr Md. Shamsul Arefin, Secretary, Coordination and Reforms, Cabinet Division graced the occasion as Chief Guest, while it was chaired by Ms. Sanjida Sobhan, ndc, Additional Secretary (Reforms), Cabinet Division. The participants included the senior level officials of social security implementing ministries, development partners, academicians of Dhaka University and IT specialists.40% of the participants comprised of females. The government officials got an indepth knowledge of this practical tool that helps to improve their social protection system by analyzing its strengths and weaknesses and offering options for further action. The officials did an assessment of their respective ministries by scoring under 10 broader areas which would help in further action to track performance over time. CODI is unique in providing a unified framework to carry out a comprehensive assessment of social protection system performance, allowing governments to identify duplications, fragmentation, and inefficiencies across schemes.
- A workshop on selection of Research Topics of Social Protection held on 25th August to present possible areas of research support that would address the feasibility and allow as background evidence for developing NSSS 2026 onwards, where more inclusivity comprehensive better coordination governance and improved social protection system strengthened the bondage of social contract between the state and its citizens. Focal Points/alternate focal points of 39 social protection implementing and coordinating ministries/divisions; academics, ICT experts, population and social research experts, and experts on shocks, disaster, social welfare participated which comprised gender balance .6 groups were created ,each with a particular theme on social protection and various topics were presented for possible areas of research support which would create the basis for NSSS 2026 +.
- A consultation workshop on implementation roadmap of Single Registry MIS for social protection programmes in Bangladesh held on July attended by focal points of 39 ministries(30% women participation) attended by Mr. N M Zeaul Alam PAA, Senior Secretary, JCT and the Shurokha app Team . The officials were better equipped with policy guidance on implementation road map with roles and responsibility for ensuring better governance and strengthened social protection system .The workshop provided clear understanding on building linkages between the MISs of individual programmes which will enable the government to monitor the social security system more effectively.

Gender Leaving No One Behind (if any)

Gender

Briefly narrate Project’s contribution to achieving gender equality (only report on the progress made between July and September 2022)

- Revised NSSS Action Plan 2021-25 incorporates set of gender focused indicators addressing practical and strategic needs of women

for social security.

Leave No One Behind (LNOB)/Persons with Disabilities (PWD)

- Series of district wise Mapping of Social Protection Programmes held in Mymensingh ,Rangpur, Chittagong from August to September with presentation shared by Organizations of Person with Disabilities(OPDs) and Ethnic Communities.

COVID-19 Responses (if any)

If the project had activities relating to COVID-19 during the reporting period, please share here briefly.
Not applicable

Innovation (if any)

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	<p>Social and Environmental Risk : Event: Government agencies do not have the capacity to meet their obligations in the project. Cause:Govt officials prioritize their own work . Impact :Delay in Implementation.</p>	Low	Low	Regular workshops to build capacity.
2	<p>Organizational: Event : Frequent Transfer of Govt Officials. Cause: Regular practice in the management and administrative system</p>	Moderate	Moderate	Orientation to the concerned officials

¹ Please make sure to include Social and Environmental risks

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

	Impact: Hampering the timely provision of data necessary for accomplishment of the due diligence process.			
Project Issues & Remedial Actions				
Sr	Project Issue	Remedial Action		
1	Operational: Coordination and Communication problem among ministries. Difficult to establish Coordination among Ministries due to time commitment and prioritizing other issues.	Engaging ministries with regular communication through Meetings.		
Lessons Learned				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinating 39 ministries / divisions is a challenging task. To maximise quicker decision making and for an impact to be made, support to key line ministries is crucial. Many line ministries have requested technical support and the future is that the Ministry of Social Welfare will become the lead ministry by 2026 for most social security programmes. With technical support units, this will further enhance the ministry response to the implementation of the NSSS Action Plan, Monitoring and developing key proposals. 				

SI	Title of the Evidence	Author	Date of Publication	Page number	Link
1	Codi Workshop				https://socialprotection.gov.bd/en/2022/08/04/workshop-on-core-diagnostic-instrument-codi-held-on-4-august-2022/
2	Workshop on Social Protection Research				https://socialprotection.gov.bd/en/2022/08/25/workshop-on-social-security-research-held/
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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 (Q3-2022)	Cumulative Progress (Q1+Q2+Q3, 2022)	
1.1. Four policy proposals (OAA, Persons with Disabilities, NSIS) submitted for Govt. approval	2020		Concept notes developed (2022) OAA, DA	Developed	Developed and Finalized Review Findings accepted	
Output 2		Research and pilot generated evidence available to and utilized by policymakers and other stakeholders				
10th Meeting of NSSS Monitoring and Evaluation Committee was held included a 'Diagnostic review of the National Social Insurance Scheme as a feasible model for Bangladesh' and 'Assessment, Scope and Framework for introducing the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) M&E Dashboard.'	2021		July 2022	Completed	60% Reviewed by the M & E comitee	
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 meeting held in Cabinet Division with focal points of ministries	2020		July 2022	Completed	60%	
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/marginalized social protection programming workshop from supply and demand perspective completed	2020		July 2022	Completed	70%	

Activity Progress

Output wise Progress against Activities		
Output 1		
Planned Activities of Q3, 2022	Progress Achieved	Challenges and Measures
1.1. Four concept notes developed (OAA,PWD,NSIS)	Approved by Cabinet	Challenges: Frequent changes in line ministry officials e.g GED,Cabinet Division often limits institutional capacity building and hampers relationships to be built for quicker progress of the project Measures: Frequent Meetings with ministries for better understanding.
Output 2		
Diagnostic review of the National Social Insurance Scheme as a feasible model for Bangladesh' and 'Assessment, Scope and Framework for introducing the National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) M&E Dashboard Studies placed in the 10 M & E committee	Reviewed by NSSS The M& E committee	Challenges: Only One firm has bid out for the study . Measures: Thorough background check done of the firm before awarding.
Output 3		
Implementation of Single registry Roadmap Workshop held with Government officials	Agenda of the meeting centred around how to help make social security programmes efficient and effective by setting high standards; reviewing the development and planning of the Single Registry MIS and discussing the National Household Database (NHD).	Challenges: To bring all the 39 ministries together Measures : Frequent Meetings with ministries for better understanding

Financial Progress

Currency: USD

(As of 30th September 2022)

Output	Total Annual Budget (2022)	Budget for Q3 (2022)	Expenditure in Q3 (2022)	Balance	Delivery Rate
	1,360,815	340,203	340,203	107,733	92.1%
Grand Total					

Annex

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

A Consultative Workshop on Single Registry MIS - 18th July 2022



A workshop on Social Security Research held on 25th August 2022 (Top) and CODI Workshop on Aug 4th (below)

