



Quarterly Progress Report

July-September 2020

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
DPP	Development Programme Proforma

Project Information

Funded by:	DFAT, DFID, UNDP		
Bangladesh National Counterparts:	Cabinet Division; General Economics Division, Planning Commission		
Partnerships:	N/A		
Project Locations:	Cabinet Division, Dhaka; General Economics Division, Planning Commission, Dhaka		
CPD Output:	The Government has the capacity to develop policies and carry out sectoral and geographical interventions in districts where inequality of progress is evident.		
SP Output:	Growth and development are inclusive and sustainable, incorporating productive capacities that create employment and livelihoods for the poor and excluded.		
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 (DD/MM/YYYY):	30/06/2020	Expected Completion Date (DD/MM/YYYY):	31/12/2025
Project Budget (USD):	7,051,672 (original); 12,448,649 (revised)	Fund Received (USD):	6,530,540

Narratives

Key Results achieved
The Government of Bangladesh's 8 th Five Year Plan secondary drafting and review process has been strengthened through supporting direct inputs, reviewing, and editing for the Chapter on Social Protection. This was achieved through direct inputs, reviewing, and editing into the 8 th Five Year Plan Chapter on Social Protection. These inputs have fed into the secondary drafting and review process of the 8 th Five Year Plan, which 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. SPSS directly developed research inputs and contributed to the secondary drafting and review process of the 8 th Five Year Plan.
Gender/ Leaving No One Behind (if any)
Gender / Disability / Marginalized Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct inputs, reviewing, and edits of the 8th Five Year Plan Chapter on Social Protection have benefited from gender mainstreaming and analysis, attention to PwD, and marginalized groups, to better advance priorities according to the GoB's Gender Strategy and Action Plan within the NSSS reform process.
COVID-19 Responses (if any)
COVID-19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct inputs, reviewing, and edits of the 8th Five Year Plan Chapter on Social Protection during the secondary drafting and review process have benefited from incorporating some COVID-19 policy priority areas developed in from the policy input paper "COVID-19 Social Protection Policy Inputs for 8th Five Year Plan".
Innovation (if any)
N/A
Monitoring
The project completed desk reviews for progress on the 8 th Five Year Plan Chapter on Social Protection.

Project Risks & Mitigation Measures			
Sr	Project Risk	Likelihood (High/Moderate/Low)	Mitigation Measure
1	External, Environment: COVID-19 pandemic limits ability to gather policy workshops and discussions on development of 8 th Five Year Plan and inputs for Chapter on Social Protection.	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	External, Donor Relations: 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	COVID-19 Pandemic: The ability to meet with individuals for both policy discussions and internal administrative issues has slowed down work. This applies both to the COVID-19 8 th Five Year Plan policy output and also the project's efforts to get formal approval from all relevant Government departments for a no-cost extension and planning on a timeline for outputs.	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

Output 1	Example			
Indicator	Baseline	EOP Target	Annual Target (2020)	Progress (Q2-2020)
1.1.				

Previous ProDoc output indicators have expired. New output indicators still being developed on basis of funding agreements with donors expected for January 2021. Current activities funded by TRAC and agreed upon with CO Cluster and Programme leads (mostly in relation to 8th Five Year Plan Chapter on Social Protection development).

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 Develop COVID-19 Social Protection Policy Inputs for 8th Five Year Plan and incorporate into 8 th Five Year Plan Chapter on Social Protection	Inputs, reviewing, and editing into secondary drafting and review process of 8 th Five Year Plan Chapter on Social Protection	Physical meetings with stakeholders for policy discussions limited and for team members to work through technical areas	Finalize inputs from the policy paper into the 8 th Five Year Plan Chapter on Social Protection and technical review processes	
1.2 Agreement with bilateral partners on funding next phase of project	Verbal, formal agreement from bilateral partners to fund next phase	Revamping proposal sections based on COVID-19 new policy priority areas from bilateral partner directions	Revise proposal and get accepted by bilateral partner	

Financial Progress

Output	Total Budget (2020)	Allocated Budget (Q3: 2020)	Expenditure (Q3: 2020)	Cumulative Expenditure (Q1+Q2+Q3: 2020)	Balance (Cumulative)	Delivery Rate (Cumulative)
1	400,000	80,000	78,452	252,035	147,965	63%
Grand Total	400,000	80,000	78,452	252,035	147,965	63%

Currency: USD

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Q2 numbers were:

Expenditure
93,086

Cumulative Expenditure (Q1 + Q2)
176,173

Balance
193,827

Delivery Rate
52.4%

Annex

