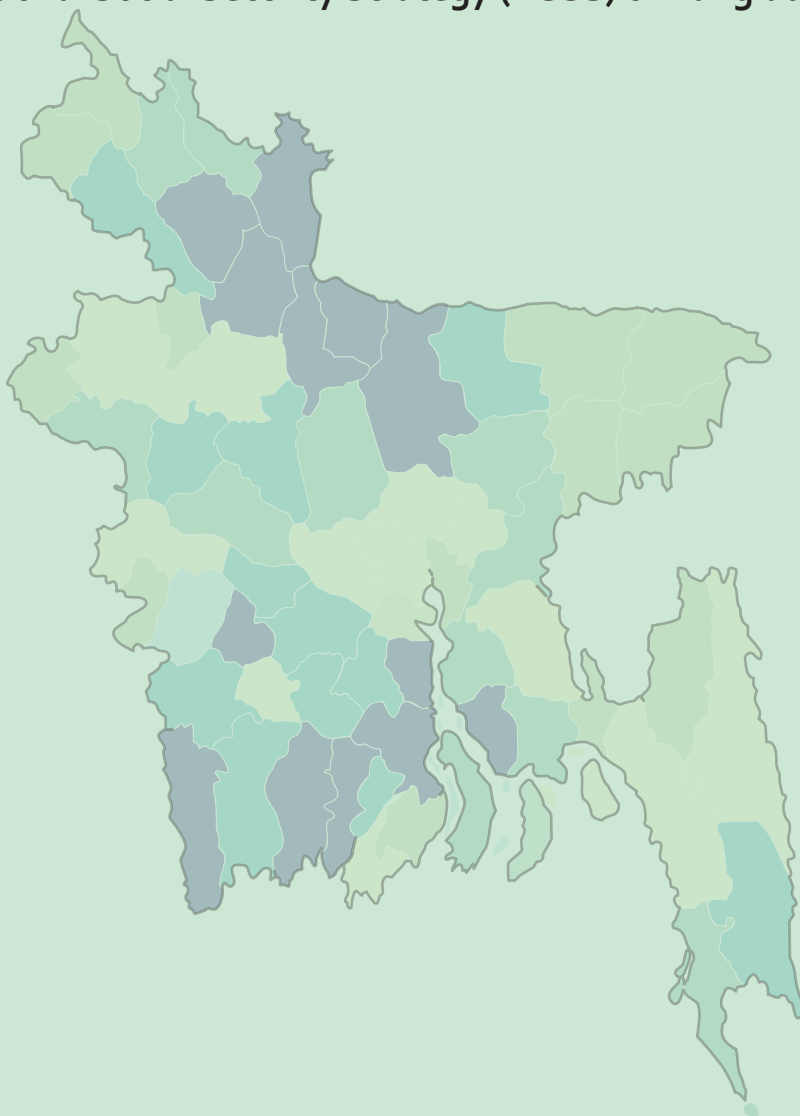




Action Plan

Implementation
of
National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) of Bangladesh



2016-2021

**Cabinet Division
and
General Economics Division of Planning Commission**
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

16. Rural Development & Cooperatives Division

Background

The Rural Development and Cooperatives Division undertakes different programmes for rural development by a range of activities including rural employment generation, skill development, research and formulation of relevant rules and policies.

Vision

The Division has the vision of a socio-economically developed Bangladesh.

Mission

To achieve the vision, the Division has the mission to eradicate poverty by means of cooperatives and integrated rural development activities, as well as research.

Challenge

Eradication of rural poverty is still a great challenge for the country. One of the main causes of rural poverty is unemployment or rather under-employment. Rural poverty has to be reduced by means of labour and livelihood interventions and the poor have to be 'graduated' from poverty.

Objective

The NSSS objective for the Rural Development and Cooperatives Division is to assist rural poor people to move out of poverty by facilitating income generating activities.

Situation Analysis

Programme Name	NSSS Provision	Present Situation	Gaps
Graduation programmes	Given the dire circumstances of the extreme poor, consideration will need to be given to progressive but substantive scaling up of 'graduation' programmes that offer real and direct income earning opportunities and formal and informal work to the poorest, alongside complementary activities that provide poor people with a means to lift themselves out of extreme poverty. However, care should be taken so that the graduation is not premature, as this would put people in real trouble.	The Rural Development and Cooperatives Division has a great intervention for poverty reduction. The programme is called 'One House - One Farm'. This is one of the prioritized initiatives of the Honourable Prime Minister. Measures are underway to increase the number of beneficiaries.	The programmes need to be further scaled up.

Action Plans

In order to implement the reform proposals of the NSSS the following time bound activities may be taken up.

No.	Objectives	Activities	Performance Indicators	Timeframe	Responsible Ministry	Shared Responsibility
1.	Scale up 'One House - One Farm' programme	Increase coverage of the programme by 15% every year	Coverage increased	Continuous (up to 2020)	Rural Development and Cooperatives Division (RD&CD)	Finance Division

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2.	Consolidate Smaller Programmes	Prepare list of programmes to be continued	List sent to GED	July 2017	RD&CD	GED
		Make list of programmes to be scaled up	List sent to GED	July 2017	RD&CD	GED
		Make list of programmes to be phased out	List sent to GED	July 2017	RD&CD	GED
		Review the consolidation proposals	Review prepared	December 2017	RD&CD	Cabinet Division
3.	Improve targeting of beneficiaries	Update manual for selection procedures and disseminate it to people	Circular issued	December 2017	RD&CD	
		Publish list of beneficiaries online to make it transparent	Instruction given to field offices	Continuous	RD&CD	
		Follow the BBS database when prepared	Instruction given	January 2018	RD&CD	
4.	Grievance Redress System	Make arrangement for recording complaints at field level	Instruction issued	Continuous	RD&CD	
		Create public awareness about facility of central GRS of Cabinet Division	Public meetings held in all upazilas	By July 2018	RD&CD	
5.	Develop Single Registry MIS	Create online based MIS for all programmes	MIS digitized for all programmes	January 2018	RD&CD	
		Make the MIS accessible by relevant departments	Inter Departmental arrangement established	July 2018	RD&CD	
		Link MIS with cash disbursement	MIS linked with financial management database of Finance Division (SPBMU MIS)	December 2018	RD&CD	

6.	Digitization of cash transfer	Pilot different modalities of G2P	Pilot completed	December 2017	RD&CD	
		Roll out appropriate format of G2P	G2P rolled out for all programmes	December 2018	RD&CD	
7.	Enhance results based M&E	Digitize monitoring of programmes	Dashboard established	July 2018	RD&CD	
		Conduct mid-term and end-term evaluation of programmes	Programmes evaluated regularly	Continue	RD&CD	

Key Actions

- Scale up 'One House - One Farm' programme
- Government to Person (G2P) Payments System or Digital Payment system will be rolled out for all cash transfer programme.