

Bangladesh : Strengthening Social Resilience Program (Subprogram 2)

1. Project Information

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| Project ID: | P000710 | Instrument ID: | L0710A |
| Member: | Bangladesh | Region: | Southern Asia |
| Sector: | CRF-Economic Resilience/PBF | Sub-sector: | N/A |
| Instrument type: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loan:250.00 US Dollar million <input type="checkbox"/> Guarantee | Lead Co-financier(s): | Asian Development Bank |
| ES category: | C | Borrowing Entity: | Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh |
| Implementing Entity: | Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh | | |
| Project Team Leader: | Sangmoo Kim | | |
| Responsible DG: | Rajat Misra | | |
| Responsible Department: | INF1 | | |
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| Completed Site Visits by AIIB: | | | |
| Planned Site Visits by AIIB: | | | |
| Current Red Flags Assigned: | 0 | | |
| Current Monitoring Regime: | Regular Monitoring | | |
| Previous Red Flags Assigned: | 0 | | |
| Previous Red Flags Assigned Date: | 2023/02 | | |

2. Project Summary and Objectives

The Program aims to help the GoB to strengthen the social resilience of Bangladeshi people. The Program focuses on further advancing the key reform agenda supported under the ADB-financed Subprogram 1 by: (i) improving the administrative efficiency of the social protection system with better protection coverage; (ii) deepening the financial inclusion of disadvantaged people, including the poor and vulnerable women; and (iii) broadening the scope of protection as well-aligned with the GoB's medium-term reform agenda on social protection.

3. Key Dates

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| Approval: | Nov. 23, 2022 | Signing: | Dec. 07, 2022 |
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| Effective: | Dec. 09, 2022 | Restructured (if any): | |
| Orig. Closing: | Mar. 31, 2023 | Rev. Closing (if any): | |

4. Disbursement Summary (USD million)

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| Contract Awarded: | | Cancellation (if any): | 0.00 |
| Disbursed: | 250.00 | Most recent disbursement (amount/date): | 250.00/Dec. 16, 2022 |
| Undisbursed: | 0.00 | Disbursement Ratio (%) ¹ : | 100.00 |

5. Project Implementation Update

The Program was approved under the COVID-19 Crisis Recovery Facility of the Bank and co-financed with the ADB. The loan was made effective on December 9, 2022, and fully disbursed on December 16, 2022. All policy reforms (prior actions) have been fully met.

| Components | Physical Progress | Environmental & Social Compliance | Procurement |
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Financial Management:

n/a

6. Status of the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)

There will be no specific GRM for this policy-based loan. However, the complaints or concerns will be handled through existing complaint handling mechanisms of the Government of Bangladesh.

7. Results Monitoring (please refer to the full RMF, which can be found on the last page of this PIMR)

See Section 5.

Remarks:

¹ Disbursement Ratio is defined as the volume (e.g. the dollar amount) of total disbursed amount as a percentage of the net committed volume.

| Project Indicators | Objective | Indicator level | Unit of Measure | Cumulative Target Values | | | | | | | | | | Frequency | Responsibility | Comments | |
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| | | | | Baseline | | 2021 | | 2022 | | 2023 | | End Target | | | | | |
| | | | | Year | Value | Target | Actual | Target | Actual | Target | Actual | Year | Target | | | | Actual |
| The government operationalized an integrated registry system of social protection beneficiaries based on the social protection budget management system, linking to IBAS++ and G2P payment platform, to standardize and digitalize the administrative functions, including beneficiaries' registration, verification, budget allocation and benefit delivery (with sex-disaggregated data of beneficiaries). | Project | Y/N | 2021 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MOWCA, MOSW and MODMR adopted and commenced the implementation of respective policies on specific harmonization approach and programs to be consolidated to avoid duplication and improve the efficiency of social protection program management. | Project | Y/N | 2021 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MOF approved an increase in the volume of subsidized grains under the open market sale program (sale of subsidized grains for urban poor), effective from 18 January 2022, to support basic needs of the urban poor. | Project | Y/N | 2021 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MOF approved an increase in coverage of the mother and child benefit program, effective from 9 December 2021, to strengthen support for disadvantaged women.. | Project | Y/N | 2021 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The government operationalized the National Council of NFIS-Bg for NFIS-B implementation to provide strategic directions and guidance, approve policy actions, | Project | Y/N | 2021 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| and provide oversight in implementation of financial inclusion agenda. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Following the existing guideline on e-payment service processing, Bangladesh Bank issued the first no-objection certificate to a nonbank entity on the deployment of digital payment devices, such as QR code readers, to improve the accessibility to a wider range of MFS in rural areas.. | Project | Y/N | 2021 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bangladesh Bank issued a pricing guideline on electronic transactions of digital payments, effective from 18 October 2021, to promote wider acceptance of digital payments by retailers and merchants. | Project | Y/N | 2021 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The government reformed the UHCC by specifying its authority, responsibility, and coordination mechanisms, effective from 25 November 2021, to oversee and supervise the cross-ministerial coordination for NUHS implementation.. | Project | Y/N | 2021 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Based on the approved NUHS, with allocated budget, MOHFW commenced operation of mobile clinics in ten city corporations to strengthen the provision of health services for the urban poor and vulnerable groups, taking into account the different health care needs of women, men, and others. | Project | Y/N | 2021 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The government commenced the implementation of the new action plan of the NSSS (2021– 2026) to provide the national plan for continued reforms in social protection and a framework of reform activities to be accomplished by line ministries, with specific provisions for addressing | Project | Y/N | 2021 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| the gendered needs voiced by disadvantaged women and communities (e.g., Bede [floating communities], third gender [trityo lingo] and persons with disabilities). | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The government endorsed an employment injury insurance scheme to be piloted in ready-made garment industry and developed as an introduction of a contribution-based protection scheme in Bangladesh. | Project | Y/N | 2021 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| Project Indicators | Intermediate | Indicator level | Unit of Measure | Cumulative Target Values | | | | | | | | | Frequency | Responsibility | Comments | | |
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