

ITEM 5: Consideration of future program focus of the subprogram on social development

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Thank you Mr Chair,

Excellences, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen Good Morning/Good Afternoon

In the context of Bangladesh, vision on Social Welfare, is “*To build better life and caring society*” country is implementing, various types of programs, especially National Social Security Program (NSSS) to reduce inequality in different sector in society, especially for Women and Marginalized people under Social Safety Net Programs.

Country had already, enacted few legal frameworks to remove the barriers and very few are under drafting stage and will be possible to finalize very soon. Particularly, for the PWDs and autism, the following draft policies are in progress:

- ❖ Inclusive Education Policy 2018 for Neuro Developmental Disabilities
- ❖ Inclusive Education Policy 2018 for Children with Disabilities except Neuro Developmental Disabilities
- ❖ Cochlear Implant policy 2018

Although, we have a very strong political commitment to eradicate poverty and inequality in the society aligning with ICPD, Vision 2021 and in the context of Agenda 2030 for sustainable development, still, there many challenges to address and much more to do. The country is trying to identify the lacks behind.

Next Steps of the Government to implement the SDG goal 5.4 and target 5.4.1 and To build strong Social protection System for all marginalized people specially for old persons and persons with disabilities are described as below:

- ❖ Training of women in backward areas for Employment Generation
- ❖ Feasibility study for identifying program for unpaid urban and rural domestic work
- ❖ Developing educational policies to ensure right of education of persons with Neuro- Developmental disability and other disabilities.
- ❖ Developing Educational curriculum for the persons with Neuro- Developmental disability
- ❖ Developing legislation on Rehabilitation Act. Bangladesh 2018 to promote the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities
- ❖ NDD trust is also working to increase the early identification and promote intervention for their life long care by Caregivers Skill Training Program.
- ❖ NDD trust trying for creating employment opportunities for the persons with NDDs
- ❖ Poverty Reduction of Underprivileged Poor People in the Backward Areas of the country through Self-Employment Generation Project
- ❖ Development of the Living Standard of the Marginal People of Bangladesh
- ❖ Human Resources (HR) Management of Department of Social Service
- ❖ 11. Construction & Modernization of PHT Center, Chittagong & Khulna & Establishment of 09 Child Development Centre, Sheikh Russell Training and Rehabilitation Center (19) for Child
- ❖ Extension and Development of Existing 6 Vagrant homes- Phase and Establishment one safe

Mr. Chair, in conclusion, I would like to mention that, in line with strategies for strengthening social protection in the implementation of 2030 Agenda, Bangladesh have taken all the action plan to eradicate poverty aligning with Seventh Five-Year Plan and Vision 2021 and SDGs, where, the right to all the disadvantaged, marginalized and back ward people will be established.

Thank you very much for your patience!